The labyrinth of magic

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WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!

WERE YOU ABLE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET MR. SINBAD BACK...?

HOW DID THE TALKS GO WITH KING RASHID?

MR. JA'FAR!!

PLEASE TELL US!

WHAT'S GOING ON, JA'FAR...? YOU'RE ACTING STRANGELY.

OH, HE'S GOING TO SPEAK.

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PLEASE GATHER EVERYONE HERE.

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I WAS UNABLE TO GET ANY SORT OF CLEAR ADVICE FROM KING RASHID.
THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL EVERYONE.

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THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT GIVE UP...

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WHAT CAN WE DO ON OUR OWN?!
BUT KING RASHID SEEMED LIKE SOMEONE WE COULD COUNT ON...

BEFORE YOU GIVE UP... PLEASE THINK BACK ON ALL THE THINGS WE'VE SUFFERED THROUGH.

IT'S NATURAL THAT YOU FEEL THAT WE'VE RUN OUT OF OPTIONS... BUT... PLEASE WAIT!!
IT'S TRUE THAT WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE A WAY OUT OF THIS SITUATION.

...PLEASE CALM DOWN!

WE FACED UNJUST DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY... OUR LEADER WAS TAKEN FROM US... WE'VE BEEN DRIVEN INTO A CORNER.....

WE LOST!!

I CAN'T JUST OVERLOOK SUCH HORRIBLE INJUSTICE!!

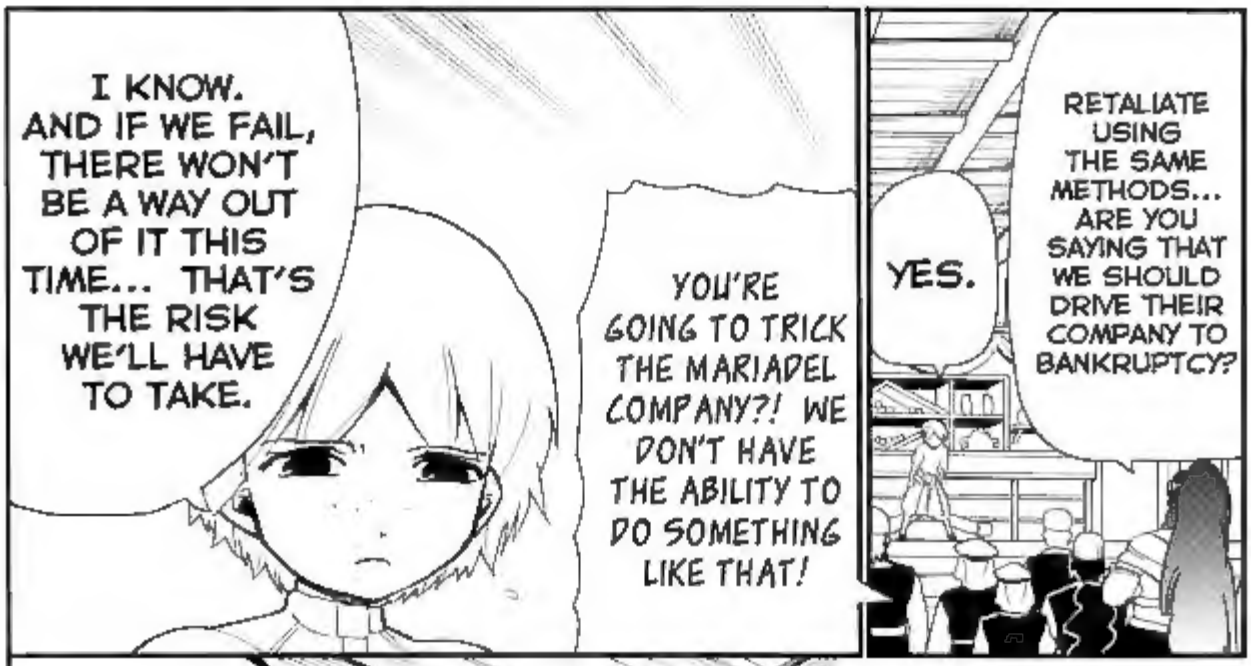
OUR COMPANY SURVIVED THROUGH ALL OF THIS UNHARMED. EVEN NOW, WE CAN CONTINUE WITH OUR BUSINESS AS USUAL...

THANKS TO OUR LEADER'S SACRIFICE ...

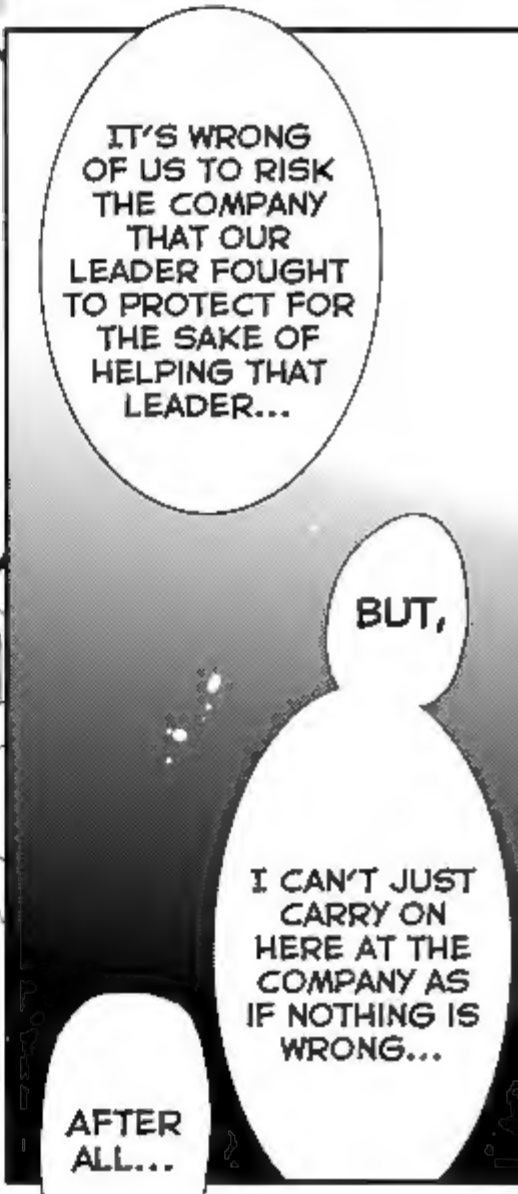
BUT AS WE CARRY ON PEACEFULLY... SIN IS SPENDING HIS TIME AS A SLAVE.

WE CAN RETALIATE BY USING THE SAME METHODS THAT THEY USED!!

IF WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN, WE SHOULD MIMIC THEM!


I KNOW. AND IF WE FAIL, THERE WON'T BE A WAY OUT OF IT THIS TIME... THAT'S THE RISK WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE.
YOU'RE GOING TO TRICK THE MARIADEL COMPANY?! WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
YES.
RETALIATE USING THE SAME METHODS... ARE YOU SAYING THAT WE SHOULD DRIVE THEIR COMPANY TO BANKRUPTCY?

JUST ISN'T THE SAME...
A SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY WITHOUT SIN...


IT'S WRONG OF US TO RISK THE COMPANY THAT OUR LEADER FOUGHT TO PROTECT FOR THE SAKE OF HELPING THAT LEADER...
BUT,
I CAN'T JUST CARRY ON HERE AT THE COMPANY AS IF NOTHING IS WRONG...
AFTER ALL...

...I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
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WITHOUT OUR LEADER, EVERYTHING SEEMS MEANING-LESS.
I ALSO DON'T THINK THINGS ARE RIGHT WITHOUT HIM.
THE ONE WHO GAVE A BANDIT LIKE ME AN HONEST JOB WAS MR. SINBAD.
A COMPANY WITHOUT THAT MAN ISN'T REALLY OUR COMPANY...
OUR FEELINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED FROM THE VERY BEGIN-NING!
LET'S SAVE THE HEAD OF OUR COM-PANY!!
WE'VE ALREADY GONE BANKRUPT ONCE. WHAT'S LEFT TO BE AFRAID OF?
I REFUSE TO STAY DEFEATED FOREVER!
JA'FAR ...
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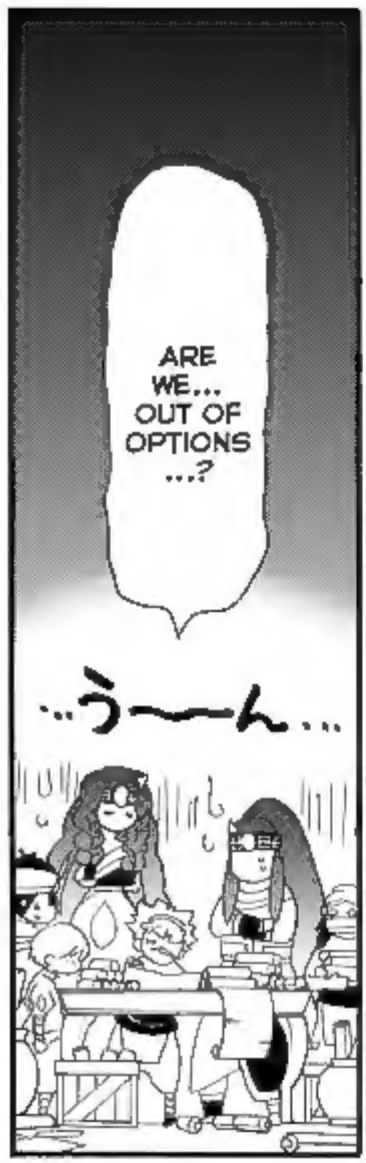
FIRST, THE ASSETS OF THE MARIADEL COMPANY MAKE IT ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT COMPANIES IN ALL OF REIM...
.....ALL RIGHT. NOW WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A CONCRETE PLAN FOR HOW TO DECEIVE THEM AND FORCE THEM INTO BANKRUPTCY.
HOWEVER...
IF WE COULD FIND A WAY TO INTERFERE WITH THE COMMODITY THAT BRINGS IN THE MAJORITY OF THEIR PROFITS, THEIR "SLAVES," THEN WE JUST MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE.....
OUR COMPANY ISN'T CAPABLE OF A TRANSACTION ON A SCALE LARGE ENOUGH TO PUT THOSE ASSETS AT RISK.


ARE WE... OUT OF OPTIONS ...?
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THE SLAVE MARKET ISN'T SOMETHING WE SPECIALIZE IN. EVEN IF WE TRIED TO MAKE THAT SORT OF DEAL, THE OTHER PARTY WOULD KNOW WE WERE LYING.
WE CAN'T DEAL WITH SLAVE TRAFFICKING!!
BUT SLAVES ARE EXPENSIVE, AND THE MARKET IS RESTRICTED. THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN JUST SHOW UP AND EXPECT TO TAKE PART IN IT...
Well, we are diplomats, after all.
There's not really much for us to do, huh?

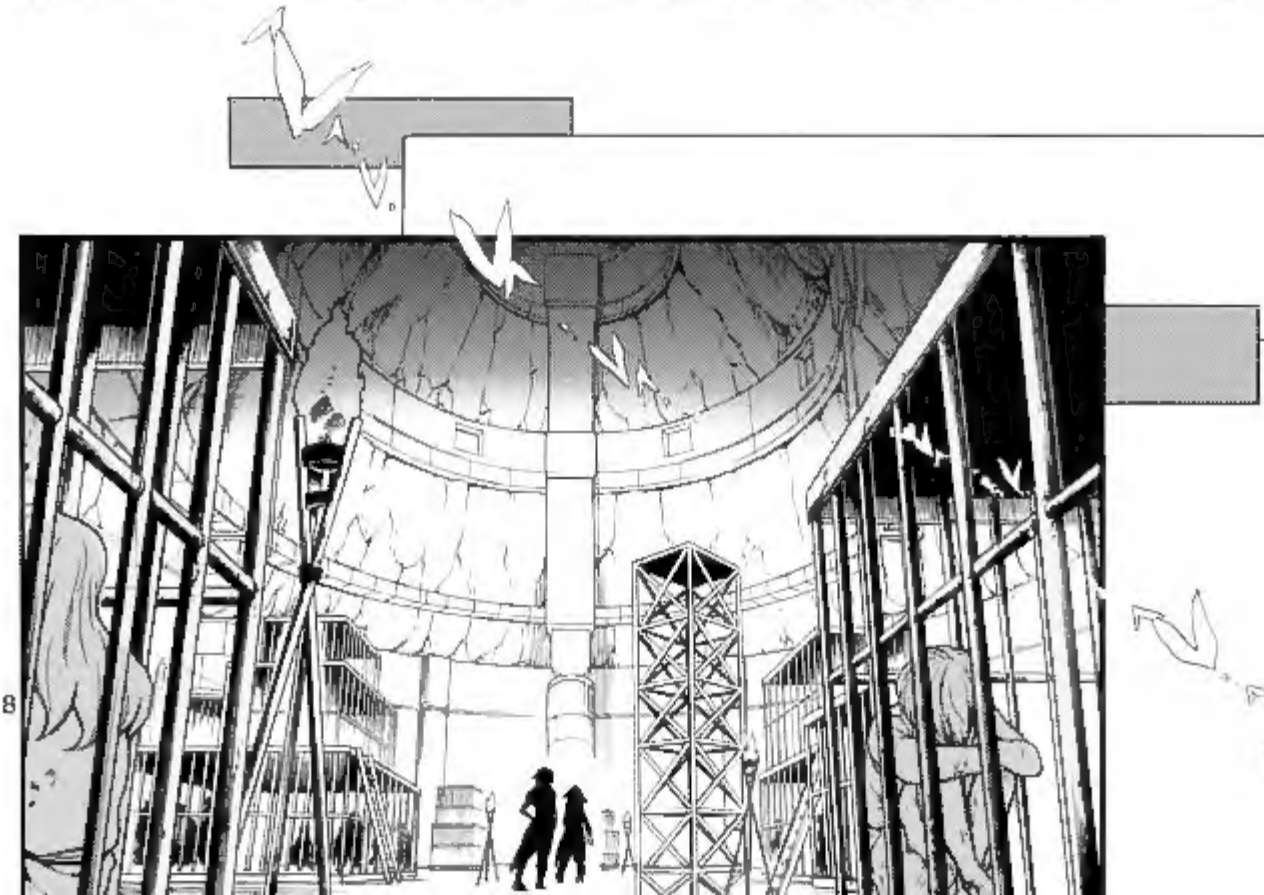
THAT'S RIGHT! PLUS, THEY'RE PROBABLY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SOME SORT OF RETALIATION FROM US... WE'D DEFINITELY BE FOUND OUT!

THE WHOLE REASON SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY WAS ABLE TO GROW WAS BECAUSE SINBAD WAS HERE!
IT'S BECAUSE WE HAD THE TRUST OF SINBAD THE DUNGEON CONQUEROR THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO ALL OUR BUSINESS UP UNTIL NOW AND GAIN OUR CUSTOMERS' TRUST.
B... BUT, ISN'T THAT TRUE?!
IF ONLY SINBAD WAS HERE AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
VITTEL!

THAT'S RIGHT... THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT!

"TRUST"
THAT'S RIGHT... EVEN WITHOUT TAKING A RISK...
IF WE HAVE THAT, WE CAN GET TO THE HEART OF OUR OPPONENT...

I'VE COME UP WITH A PLAN.
EVERY-ONE,



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DON'T MAKE MORE WORK FOR ME, SINBAD!! YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING...!!

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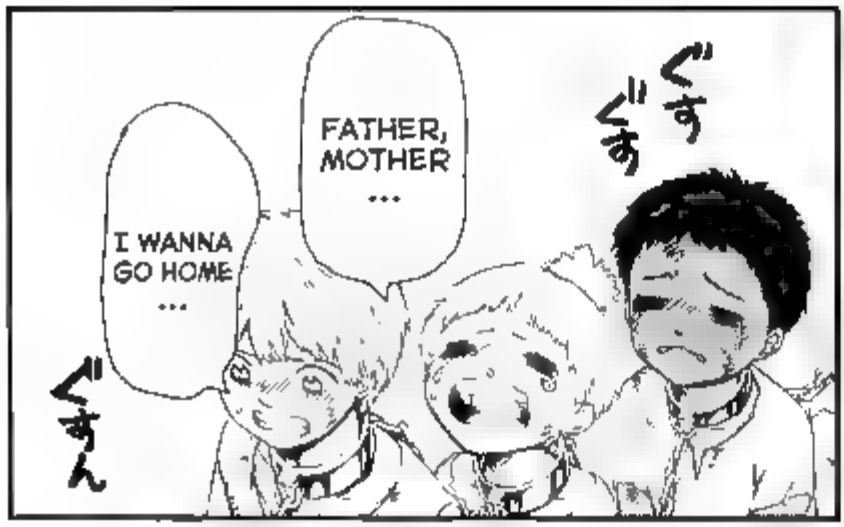
FATHER, MOTHER ...
I WANNA GO HOME ...
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IF ANY OF THEM ACTS STRANGELY, REPORT BACK TO ME.

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SHE'S GOT A FEVER, HUH? I DIDN'T NOTICE BECAUSE YOU WERE DISTRACTING ME FROM MY WORK...
..... A CHILD?
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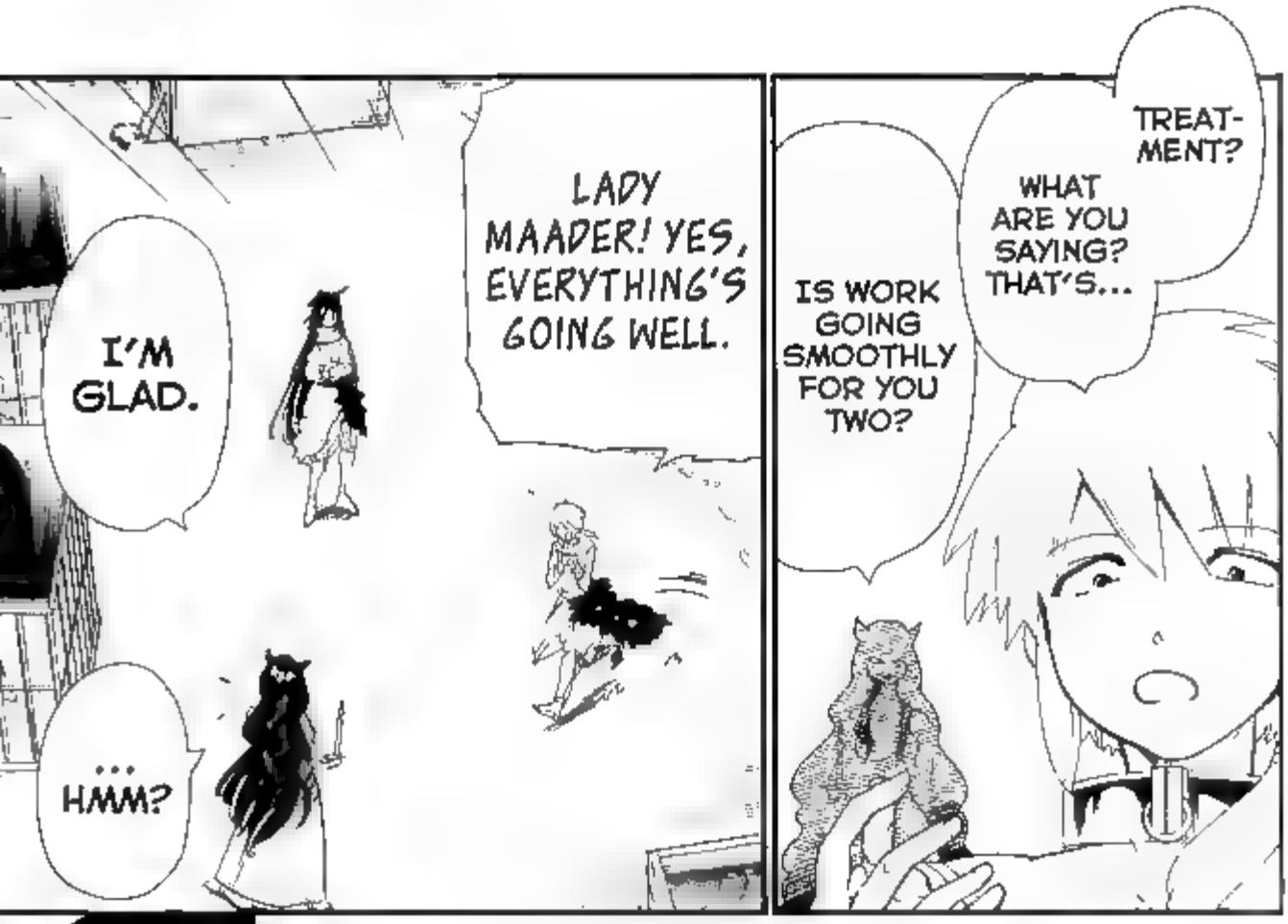
LADY MAADER! YES, EVERYTHING'S GOING WELL.
I'M GLAD.
...HMM?

TREAT-MENT?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THAT'S...
IS WORK GOING SMOOTHLY FOR YOU TWO?

HMPH... SINBAD DID...?

WHY IS THAT CHILD HERE...?

WELL... SINBAD BROUGHT HER HERE. HE SAID THAT SHE'S GOT A FEVER AND THAT WE SHOULD TREAT HER...

AT THAT TIME... "FEAR" BEGAN TO GROW INSIDE SINBAD.

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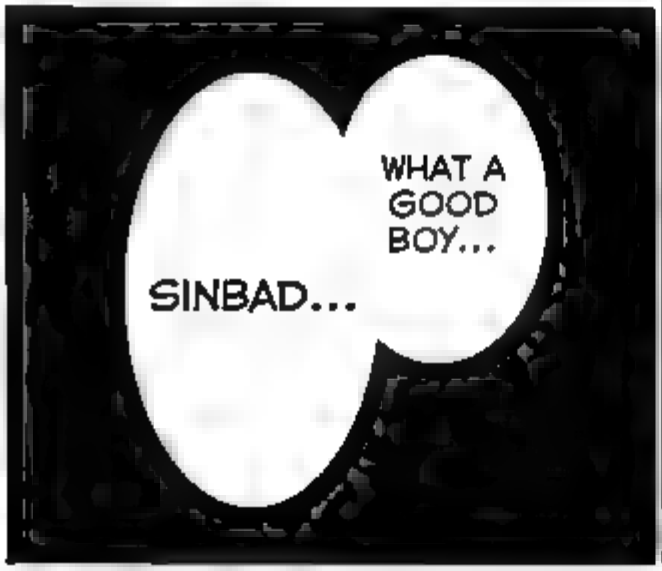
SINBAD...
WHAT A GOOD BOY...

THIS WAS THE FIRST ACTION HE'D TAKEN SINCE HE CLOSED OFF HIS HEART.
EVEN THOUGH HE TRIED TO FORGET THE TERRIBLE THINGS THAT HAPPENED, THEY CAUSED HIS HEART TO TREMBLE. IF I MAKE ANOTHER MISTAKE, I'LL BE "PUNISHED" AGAIN, WON'T I...?

HOW WONDERFUL. THAT'S JUST LIKE MY BOY.
THAT'S THE JOB OF A SLAVE LEADER.
YOU KEPT AN EYE ON THE SLAVES AROUND YOU.

SINBAD WAS PERPLEXED BY THESE CONFLICTING EMOTIONS.

HIS FEAR OF MAADER WAS STUCK IN HIS MIND.

IN CONTRAST TO HIS EXPECTATIONS, HE WAS GIVEN LOVING AFFECTION.

...DESPITE THIS...

WHY...

CAN'T I STOP CRYING ...?

TAKE CARE OF THIS CHILD...
YES, LADY MAADER.
FATIMA...

PAPA! MAMA!
I WANNA GO HOME...
WAH! I DON'T WANNA!
DAMN IT... TODAY'S BRATS AREN'T LISTENING.
QUIT ACTING UP! BE QUIET!!
MOVE. I'LL DEAL WITH THEM.

COULD YOU... LET ME HANDLE THIS?
FATIMA...
DO WHAT YOU WANT.
BE QUIET, BEHAVE,
AND BE GOOD CHILDREN.
SO YOU NEED TO...
AS THINGS, THEY CAN BE BOUGHT AND SOLD, AND WOULD NO LONGER HAVE ANY HUMAN RIGHTS.
"SLAVES" ARE PROPERTY...
LISTEN UP. YOU GUYS ARE ALREADY "SLAVES."

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE HURT EVEN MORE THAN YOU ALREADY ARE, RIGHT?

YOU MIGHT EVEN CATCH THE EYE OF MY MASTER, LADY MAADER.

IF YOU CAN BE GOOD CHILDREN, THERE WON'T BE ANY REASON TO WHIP YOU. IF YOU KEEP YOUR BODY UNSCARRED, THEN YOU CAN BE BOUGHT BY SOMEONE FROM A GOOD PLACE.

IF YOU SCAR THEM, THAT ONLY LOWERS THEIR MARKET VALUE. THERE'S NO REASON FOR US TO HARM LADY MAADER'S MERCHANDISE BASED SOLELY ON OUR JUDGMENT.

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NO. BECAUSE THEY'RE JUST GOING TO BE SHIPPED OUT, IT WOULDN'T.

IT WOULD BE EASIER TO JUST WHIP THEM.

THOSE SLAVES ARE JUST GOING TO BE SHIPPED OUT...

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU SAY...?!!

HEY! ARE YOU SAYING THAT MY WAY OF DOING THINGS IS WRONG?!

IT'S THE TRUTH.

BESIDES, INSTEAD OF CREATING SLAVES THAT ONLY TAKE ORDERS WHEN THEY'RE WHIPPED,

IT'S BETTER TO CREATE SLAVES THAT CAN THINK FOR THEMSELVES. THEY WILL BE WORTH MORE AND SHOULD BE EASIER TO CONTROL.

WONDER-FUL.
YOU REALLY THOUGHT THINGS THROUGH, SINBAD.
I DID!
LADY MAADER! IT WAS ME! I TAUGHT HIM EVERYTHING!
AS EXPECTED, IT WAS A GOOD DEA TO LEAVE IT TO YOU.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE JOB OF HEAD SLAVE SUITS YOU.
LADY MAADER!

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KEEP DOING YOUR BEST FOR ME, SINBAD.
YES, MA'AM.
LET'S ADOPT YOUR METHOD OF HELPING THOSE CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THEIR FUTURE.
THE SLAVES WE SEND TO THE MARKETPLACE ARE MY CHILDREN, TOO.
OH?
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FATIMA.
..... UH, UMMM...
LADY MAADER?

YOU'RE STILL HERE?
I DIDN'T NOTICE YOU.

YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD BOY.
I'LL COME SEE YOU AGAIN, SINBAD.

OUR JOB'S GOTTEN A LOT EASIER SINCE SINBAD BECAME THE HEAD SLAVE.
I THOUGHT HE WAS A WEIRD GUY AT FIRST, BUT HE'S REALLY GOT SOME TALENT.

EVERY-ONE!
LADY MAADER GAVE US AN ORDER. REFRAIN FROM USING YOUR WHIP UNLESS IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!
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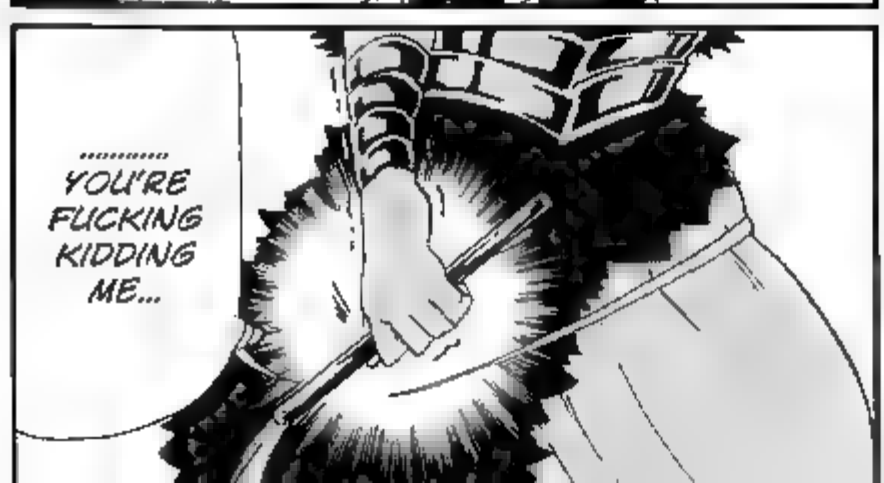
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YOU'RE FUCKING KIDDING ME...

IT'S... IT'S BECAUSE OF HIM...!!
THE ONE THAT LADY MAADER TRUSTS MORE THAN ANYONE IS ME, FATIMA!!
THE HEAD SLAVE IS ME.
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MASRUR!
YOU'RE COVERED IN BLOOD! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IT'S ALL YOUR OPPONENT'S BLOOD, HUH... WAIT A MINUTE AND I'LL GET YOU CLEANED UP.
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I HEARD THAT SINCE MY APPEARANCE IN THE ARENA, YOUR MATCHES HAVE GOTTEN MORE EXTREME WITH GIANT MONSTERS AS YOUR OPPONENTS, BUT...
THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING,
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AREN'T YOU TIRED OF IT?

YOU'RE DEFINITELY STRONG, BUT YOU'RE STILL A CHILD.
FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE EVERY DAY, COVERED IN BLOOD, NOT KNOWING WHICH OF YOU WILL SURVIVE, AND PUTTING ALL OF IT ON DISPLAY...
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AREN'T YOU REALLY TIRED OF DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

IT'S ALL RIGHT. IF YOU BECOME LADY MAADER'S "CHILD," I'M SURE YOU CAN STOP RIGHT AWAY.

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I SEE.
WELL THEN, I'LL ASK LADY MAADER AND SEE IF YOU CAN STOP BEING A GLADIATOR.

HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

DON'T YOU WANT TO STOP BEING A GLADIATOR?!

I AM... A FANALIS.
I'LL DO THE JOB I'M GIVEN. I'LL OBEY ORDERS.
BUT... I WON'T THROW AWAY MY PRIDE.
BECAUSE... I'M A PROUD FANALIS!
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FANALIS...
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FUFUFU...
SINBAD HAS BECOME MY CHILD NOW.

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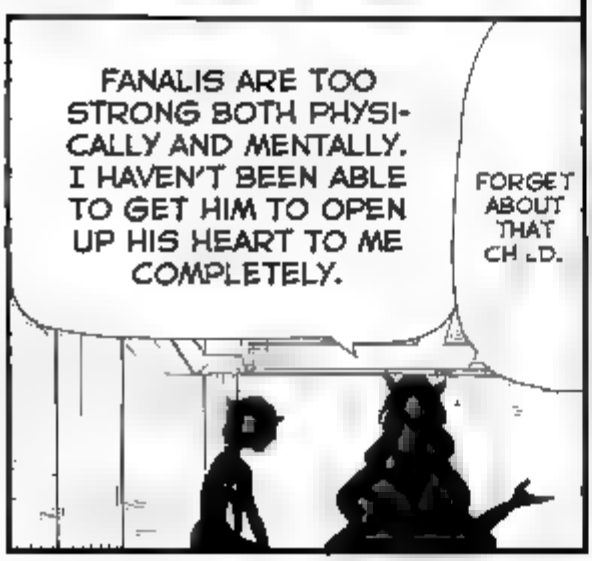
THE ONLY ONE LEFT NOW IS MASRUR.

HE MUST HAVE FINALLY REALIZED THAT, TOO.
IT'S A BLESSING FOR ALL OF US TO HAVE BECOME YOUR CHILDREN, LADY MAADER.


FANALIS ARE TOO STRONG BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET HIM TO OPEN UP HIS HEART TO ME COMPLETELY.
FORGET ABOUT THAT CHILD.

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MORE IMPORTANTLY... KIL...

FORTUNATELY, THE FANALIS ARE A VERY LOYAL RACE. IF WE HAVE HIM CONTINUE HIS ACTIVITIES AS A GLADIATOR, HE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.
I SEE...

DON'T SIT WAY OVER THERE.
COME JOIN ME AND THE OTHERS.

LADY MAADER.
YES...
BEING A "SLAVE MERCHANT."
THE GREATEST TALENT OF THE HEAD OF THE MARIADEL COMPANY WAS
ON EVERY SLAVE THAT CAME THROUGH HER COMPANY ON A DAILY BASIS,
SHE USED A CERTAIN THING TO CHANGE THEIR MARKET VALUE AND REVOLUTIONIZED THE INDUSTRY.
THAT "CERTAIN THING" SHE USED WAS...

"MATERNAL LOVE"

SOMETHING THAT IS AN INHERENT PART OF LIFE.

SHE TOOK ORDINARY SLAVES AND DEVELOPED A PSEUDO PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM.

BY DOING SO, SHE BROUGHT ABOUT A CERTAIN CHANGE IN HER SLAVES.

HER SLAVES WERE ABLE TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES AND WORKED HARD FOR MAADER'S SAKE.

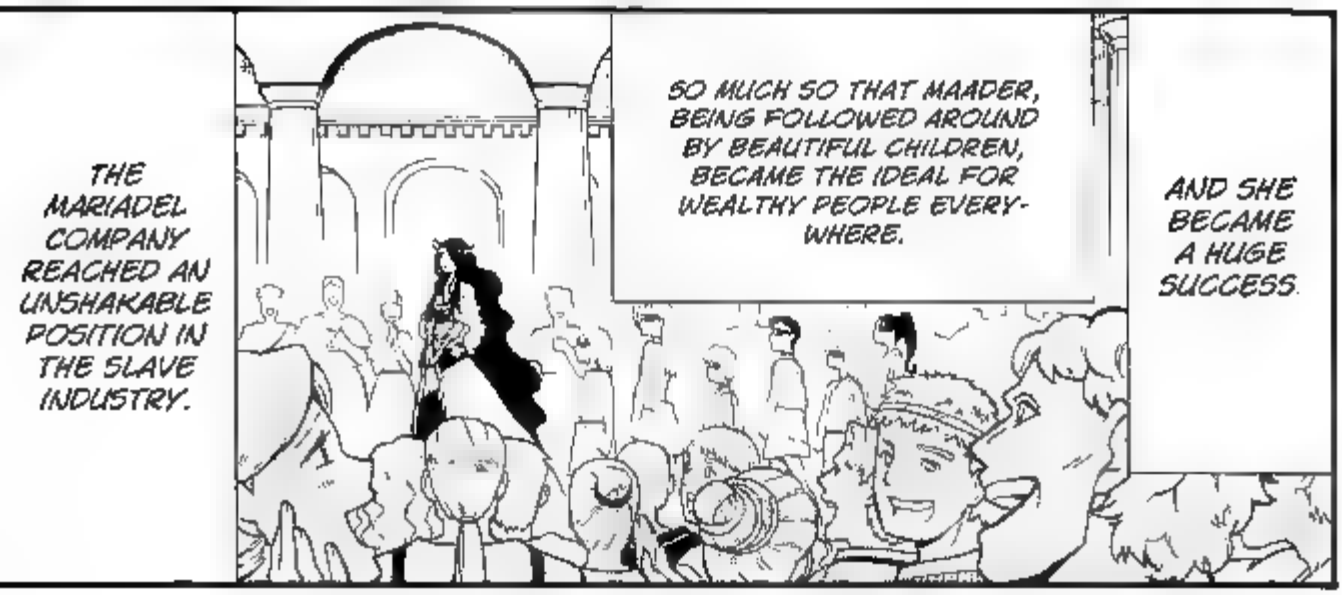
IN THE SLAVE INDUSTRY WHERE IT WAS NATURAL FOR SLAVES TO BE WHIPPED AND GIVEN ORDERS, MAADER'S SLAVES, WHO SERVED THEIR OWNER THE SAME WAY A CHILD WOULD SERVE A PARENT, WERE AN INNOVATION.

ORDERS FLOODED IN AND THE VALUE OF HER SLAVES IMMEDIATELY ROSE.

IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF SLAVES, MAADER BEGAN TO CONTROL MORE AND MORE SLAVES.

WITHIN HER ORGANIZATION, SHE GAVE CERTAIN SLAVES OFFICIAL POSITIONS WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO DEVELOP THEIR ABILITIES AND AWARENESS.

SO, THE MARIADEL COMPANY BECAME FULL OF MEMBERS THAT WERE PREDOMINANTLY CHILDREN...


THE MARIADEL COMPANY REACHED AN UNSHAKABLE POSITION IN THE SLAVE INDUSTRY.
SO MUCH SO THAT MAADER, BEING FOLLOWED AROUND BY BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN, BECAME THE IDEAL FOR WEALTHY PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.
AND SHE BECAME A HUGE SUCCESS.

A DUNGEON CONQUEROR, AN ADVENTURER, THE HEAD OF A COMPANY...
A MAN WHO POSSESSES ANY AND EVERY POSSIBLE TALENT.
SHE HAS SINBAD IN HER CLUTCHES.
AND NOW,

FUFUFU... I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS FUTURE.
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WHAT? WHAT A RACKET.
IF SINBAD USED ALL OF HIS POWERS ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF MAADER,
JUST THINK HOW MUCH SHE AND HER COMPANY WOULD BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE.
USING HER "MATERNAL LOVE," SHE BROUGHT THE ABILITIES OF HER CHILDREN TO THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL...
THE SLAVES TO BE SHIPPED OUT...
ALL OF THEM HAVE ESCAPED!
E... EXCUSE ME, LADY MAADER!

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THERE'S NOT A SINGLE SLAVE LEFT.
……. WHAT IS THIS…
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D DO SOME-THING LIKE THIS……!!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT… I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT GUY!!
LADY MAADER, IT'S TERRI-BLE!!

IT'S TRUE THAT HE WAS EASY ON THE SLAVES... I GUESS IT'S POSSIBLE.
SINBAD?

IT'S SINBAD!! HE LET ALL OF THE SLAVES HERE ESCAPE!!

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YOU'RE NOT NEEDED.
DISAP-PEAR, SINBAD!!

THE ONLY ONES WITH THE KEYS TO THE CELLS ARE THE HEAD SLAVES..
IF IT'S EITHER HIM OR ME, THEN OF COURSE THEY'LL ALL SUSPECT HIM.

WHY WOULD YOU LET ALL THE SLAVES ESCAPE?!
SINBAD!
AND WHAT HAS HE DONE FOR US?!
WE TRUSTED HIM EVEN THOUGH HE'S SUCH A WEIRD GUY...
THIS IS WHY I WAS AGAINST IT. MAKING SOMEONE LIKE HIM A HEAD SLAVE!
HE BE-TRAYED YOUR TRUST, LADY MAADER. HE SHOULD BE GIVEN SUIT-ABLE PUNISH-MENT!!
THAT'S RIGHT! HE'S NOT FIT TO BE A HEAD SLAVE!!

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SINBAD.

DRIVE HIM INTO A CORNER.
THAT'S IT! MAKE MORE OF A RUCKUS!!

I FORGIVE YOU.
EVERYONE FAILS ONCE OR TWICE...

PULL HIM DOWN FROM HIS POSITION AS HEAD SLAVE!

OF...OF COURSE NOT!!
I'M ONLY THINKING OF YOU, LADY MAADER...

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OH, FATIMA... ARE YOU TELLING ME WHAT TO DO?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT CAN BE FORGIVEN!!

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FATIMA, WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU'RE SHAKING SO BADLY ...
I WONDER IF THERE'S SOME REASON BEHIND IT?

I DON'T WANT TO SEE MY CUTE LITTLE CHILDREN FIGHTING.
THE SEARCH FOR THE CULPRIT ENDS HERE. I'M GOING TO OVERLOOK THIS INCIDENT.

LADY MAADER... UM...ABOUT TODAY'S INCI-DENT.....

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WELL, IF LADY MAADER SAYS SO...

YOU AND SINBAD ARE THE ONLY TWO WHO HAVE YOUR OWN SETS OF KEYS.

.....THE ONLY ONES WITH THE KEYS TO THE CELLS ARE THE HEAD SLAVES.

BUT THAT'S HOW IT IS.

I DIDN'T TELL YOU THAT,

AFTER HE'S DONE WITH HIS WORK FOR THE DAY, HIS KEYS ARE RETURNED TO ME.

HOWEVER, SINBAD IS STILL JUST AN APPRENTICE HEAD SLAVE.

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, LADY MAADER!!

WITH THINGS LIKE THIS...JUST WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

I'VE LET YOU SERVE ME FOR A LONG TIME, BUT THIS SITUATION HAS CAUSED QUITE AN UPROAR...

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, LADY MAADER! I...I...

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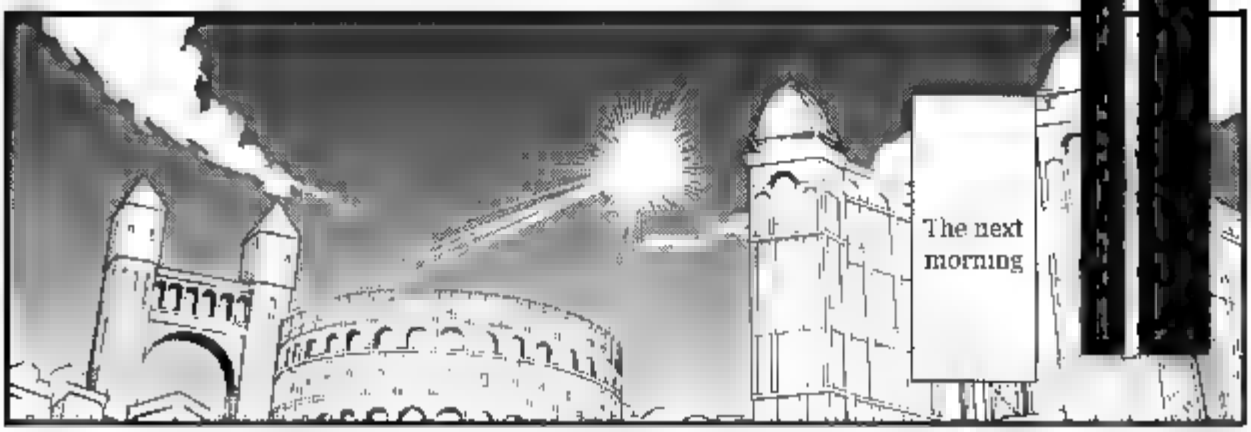
GOOD BOY...I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT.....

THIS GENTLEMAN IS LORD ZEUTIUS, ONE OF REIM'S WEALTHY MERCHANTS.
HE'S ONE OF OUR COMPANY'S MOST IMPORTANT CUSTOMERS.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, LADY MAADER ...?
..... UM...
HE'S A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT CUSTOMER OF OURS, SO YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TRUST WITH THIS.
I WANT YOU TO KEEP THIS GENTLEMAN COMPANY TONIGHT.
WELL, THAT DEPENDS ON HOW COMPATIBLE THE TWO OF YOU ARE. UFUFU...
OH... LADY MAADER, ARE YOU GOING TO LET ME HAVE THIS BOY...?

...YES.
LADY MAADER!
RIGHT, FATIMA?
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD BOY. SURELY YOU CAN HELP ME,
...IF IT'S FOR...
LADY MAADER...
THAT'S RIGHT. NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF ORDER IT MAY BE, I'LL FOLLOW IT
IT'S ALL FOR LADY MAADER...


The next morning

OUR CUSTOMER WAS VERY PLEASED WITH YOU.
YOU WERE WONDERFUL, FATIMA.

AND THAT GENTLEMAN WANTS TO HIRE YOU.
YES. THANKS TO YOU, OUR BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS WENT SMOOTHLY

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IT WAS ALL FOR YOU, LADY MAADER...

IT SEEMS HE'S REALLY TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE LEAVING US, FATIMA.

CON-GRATULA-TIONS.

EVERY CHILD HAS TO LEAVE THE NEST SOME-DAY...NOW IS THAT TIME FOR YOU.

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PLEASE... DON'T CAUSE ME TROUBLE.

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HUH??

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AH... FATIMA ...

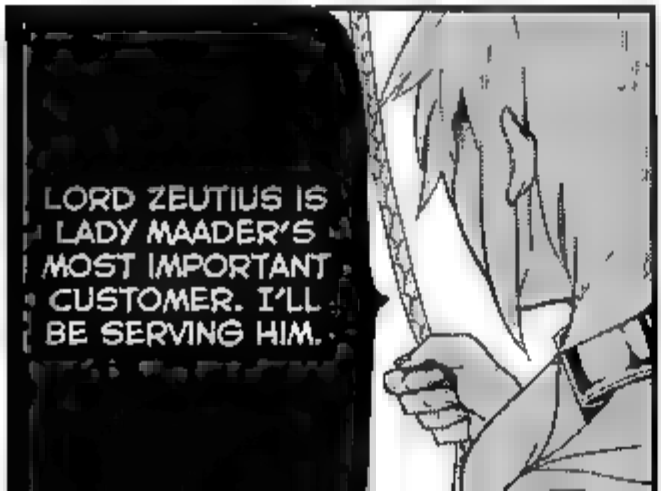
WHY?! I'VE BEEN SUCH A GOOD BOY! SO WHY DO I HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR SIDE, LADY MAADER?!!

YOU'RE MY

MOST RELIABLE CHILD, AREN'T YOU?

JUST LEAVE IT TO
ME, YOUR MOST RELIABLE CHILD!
WAIT, FATIMA!

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S STRANGE.


LORD ZEUTIUS IS LADY MAADER'S MOST IMPORTANT CUSTOMER. I'LL BE SERVING HIM.

BEING SOLD OFF LIKE THAT .. WHY ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?!
LETTING HER TREAT YOU THIS WAY,
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE?!

IT'S AN IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY TO SERVE LADY MAADER'S MOST VALUED CUSTOMER...

THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN THIS.

I'M THE MOST REMARKABLE.

I WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY LADY MAADER.

MUCH, MUCH MORE THAN SOMEONE LIKE YOU!

I'M AMAZING! I'M LOVED!

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AGAIN...
THOSE EYES ARE URGING ME TO DO SOMETHING.
"PRIDE"
IS THAT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN SOMEONE HAS THROWN AWAY HIS PRIDE?! THEN WHAT ABOUT ME.
HAVE I?
I WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY LADY MAADER. I'M THE MOST REMARKABLE
YOU'RE THE STRANGE ONE.
I'M A FANALIS...
BUT... I CAN'T THROW AWAY MY PRIDE.
THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN THIS!

SINBAD...
IN ORDER TO STAY ALIVE, I COMPLETELY BLOCKED OFF BOTH MY FEELINGS AND MY MEMORIES.
I PRETENDED NOT TO SEE ANYTHING.
I...I..... JUST WHAT AM I DOING?
THE THINGS I'VE THROWN AWAY...THE THINGS I'VE FORGOTTEN...
IT...!!
YOU FOUND IT, DIDN'T YOU?

SOMETHING ONLY YOU CAN DO.

THEN

GO OUT AND DO IT.

THE PLACE YOU NEED TO BE

ISN'T HERE, IS IT?

I'VE BEEN SUCH AN IDIOT.
THE ANSWER HAS ALWAYS BEEN RIGHT HERE...
DO YOUR BEST FOR ME.
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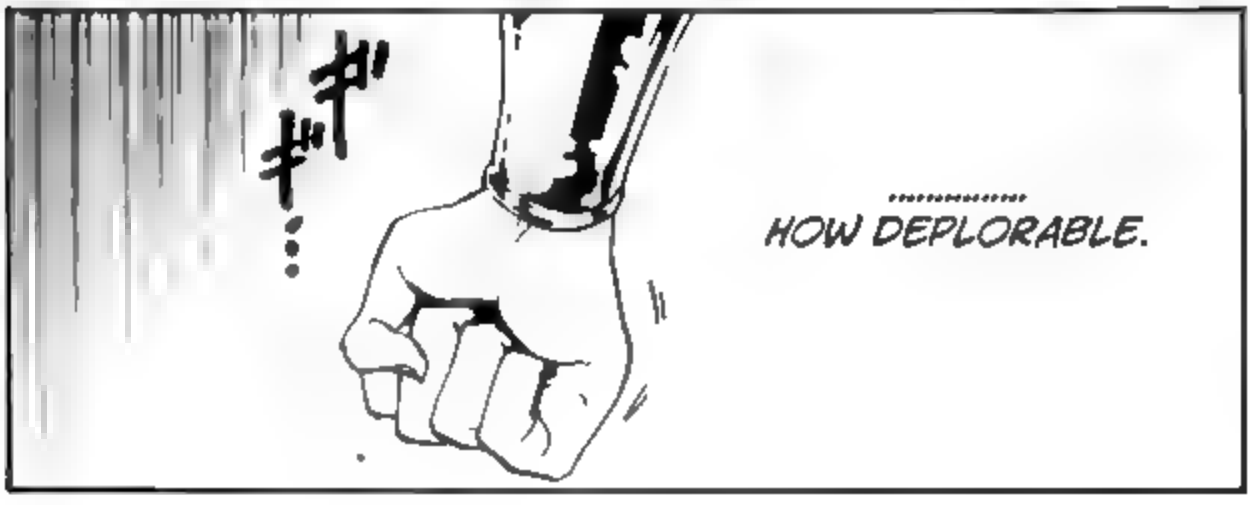
THANKS, MOTHER...

HAVE I BEEN DOING?
JUST WHAT

AND IN ORDER TO PROTECT MYSELF, I SUCCUMBED TO MAADER'S BRAINWASHING AND BECAME ONE OF HER ACCOMPLICES
I BECAME A SLAVE...
I LOST THE MATCH
WE WERE DECEIVED BY HER PLAN AND TRAPPED BY OUR INVESTMENT


HOW DEPLORABLE.

MY "SELF-CONCEIT"
THAT'S WHAT LED ME HERE.

EVERY-THING WENT JUST AS THAT WOMAN HAS PLANNED.
DESPITE THAT, I STILL NAIVELY BELIEVED IT WOULD ALL TURN OUT OKAY SOMEHOW...

IN THE END, I'LL END UP BEING TREATED AS A POSSESSION, JUST LIKE FATIMA.
A SLAVE IS JUST A SLAVE AFTER ALL.

WHAT MADE ME THINK "I'LL BUILD A COUNTRY"?
WHAT MADE ME THINK, "I'M SPECIAL"?
NOW THAT I'VE FALLEN THIS FAR, THERE'S NO WAY THAT WILL HAPPEN

IT'S NOT "IT WILL TURN OUT OKAY SOMEHOW"... IF I DON'T TAKE ACTION MYSELF, I WILL NEVER ESCAPE THE LIFE OF SLAVERY.

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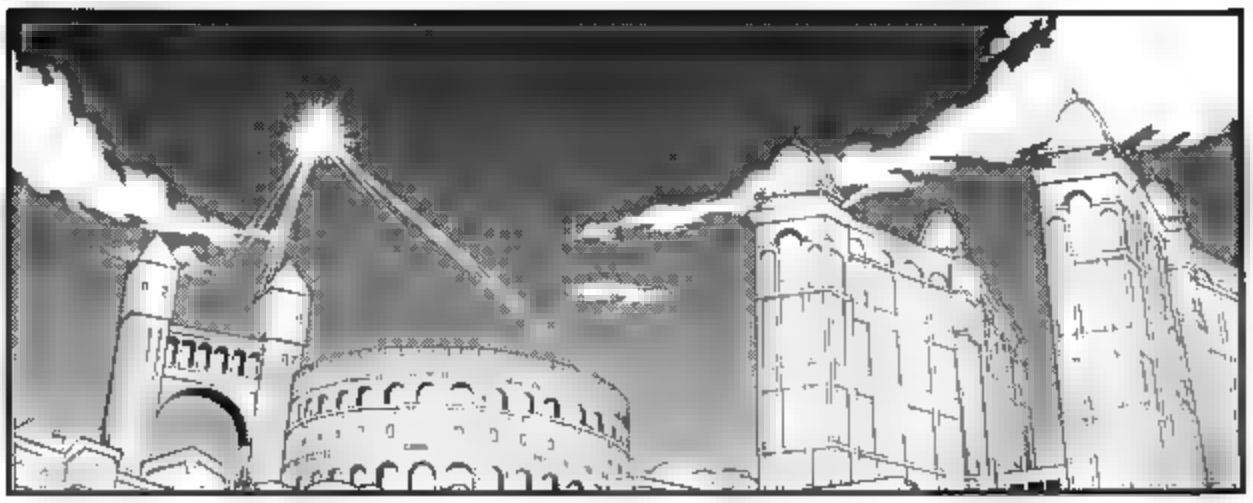
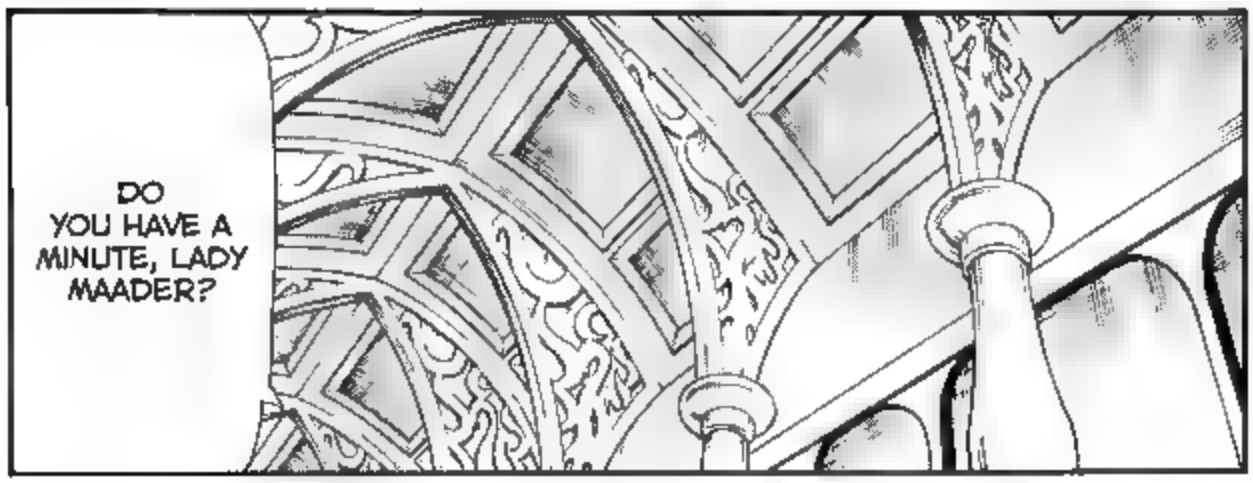
UMM...
ARE YOU OKAY?
HAVE YOU BEEN FEELING UNWELL SINCE YESTERDAY?
.....HEY, MASRUR.
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.
I CAN'T JUST RELY ON JA'FAR AND THE OTHERS TO HELP ME.
I'LL DO IT MYSELF.




DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE, LADY MAADER?

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH.
WHAT COULD THEY POSSIBLY DO NOW?

AT THE VERY LEAST, IT SHOULD BE ENTERTAINING, RIGHT?

WHAT IS IT, KIL?
IT'S ABOUT OUR GUESTS TODAY. THERE'S REALLY NO NEED FOR YOU TO BOTHER TO MEET WITH PEOPLE LIKE THEM.

IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THAT COMPANY IS DEALING WITH THINGS AFTER THEIR LEADER BECAME MY SLAVE...
WELCOME TO THE MARIADEL COMPANY.

. . .IS SOMETHING WRONG?
. . . . . HMMM, YOU'RE THE NEW HEAD OF THE COMPANY?

....NO.
IT'S JUST...
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MS. RURUMU OF SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE YOU BEFORE. AFTER ALL, I'VE NEVER RECEIVED ANYONE FROM IMUCHAKK IN ANY OF MY SHIPMENTS BEFORE.
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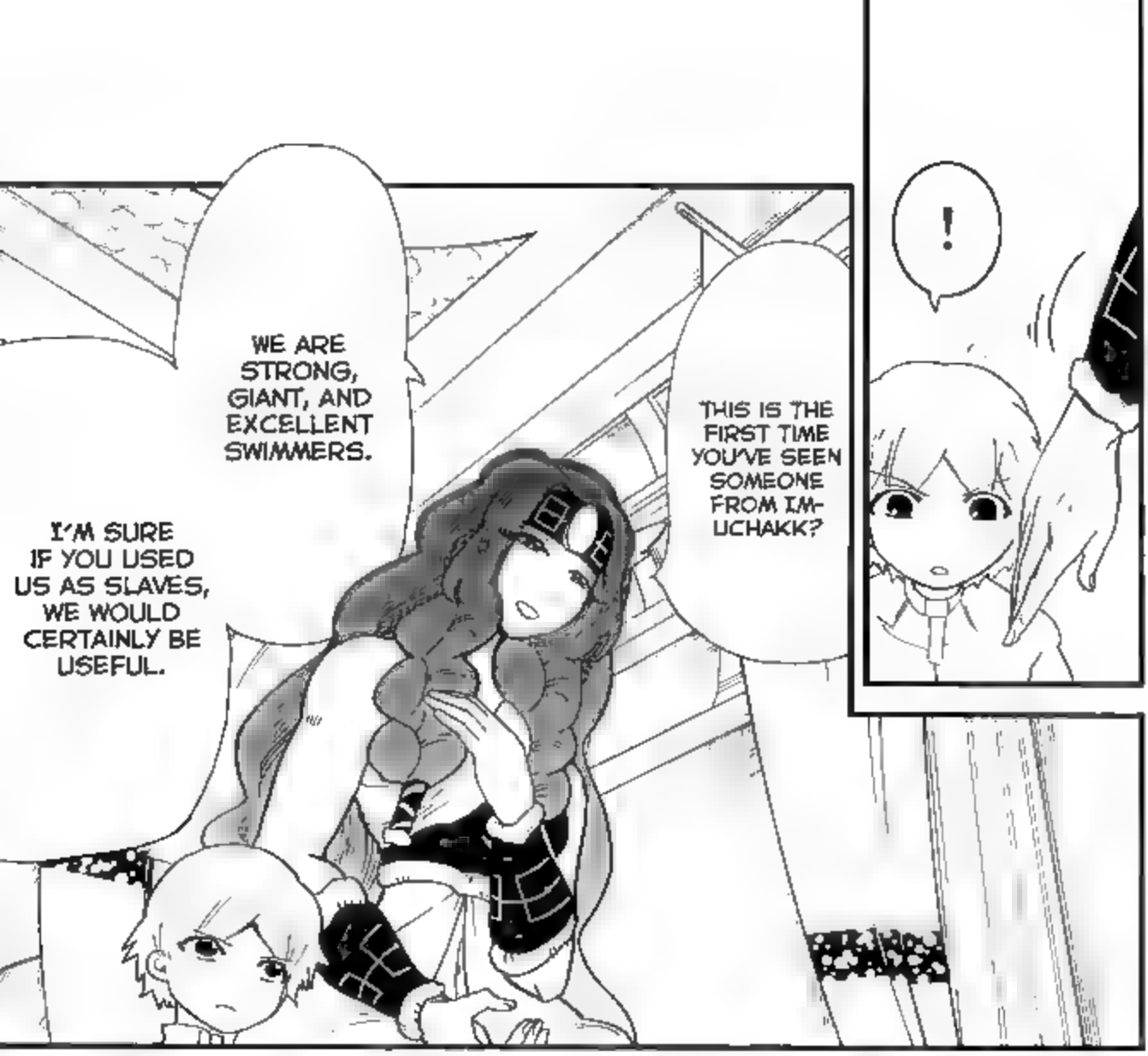
!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE SEEN SOMEONE FROM IMUCHAKK?
WE ARE STRONG, GIANT, AND EXCELLENT SWIMMERS.
I'M SURE IF YOU USED US AS SLAVES, WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE USEFUL.

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IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO NEGOTIATE A DEAL WITH THE IMUCHAKK, LEAVE IT UP TO ME.
IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE ANY OTHER DEALS, PLEASE CONSIDER GOING THROUGH OUR SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY.

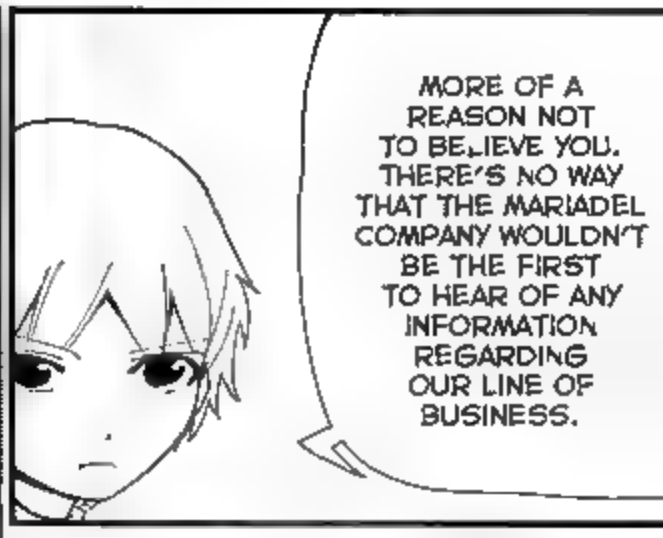
AND MOVE FORWARD TO A MORE PROFITABLE RELATION-SHIP.
IF IT'S WITH YOU, MS. RURUMU, IT SEEMS WE CAN FORGET ABOUT THE PAST
YOU PASS.

I APOLOGIZE FOR MAKING YOU SAY SOMETHING SO DEMEANING ABOUT YOUR OWN PEOPLE.
I WAS JUST TEST-ING YOU.

LADY MAADER
THAT'S EXACTLY THE REASON WE ARE HERE TODAY.
THE TRUTH IS, WE CAME HERE TO BORROW YOUR KNOWLEDGE AS THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE LEADING COMPANIES IN REIM.

IN ORDER TO GET AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SLAVE TRADE, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO GET HELP FROM SOMEONE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THAT AREA, LIKE YOU, LADY MAADER!
YES! BUT THAT'S WHY WE WANT YOUR ADVICE. EVER SINCE WE TOOK OVER AS THE NEW HEADS OF THE COMPANY, WE'VE BEEN WANTING TO TAKE ON NEW SORTS OF BUSINESS.
WHAT NONSENSE.
MY COMPANY AND YOURS DEAL IN COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TYPES OF MERCHANDISE.
ACTUALLY.....
I WONDER IF YOU ARE TELLING ME THE TRUTH?
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THIS SUDDEN CHANGE.
AND YOU SHOULDN'T
WE HAPPEN TO HAVE SOME INFORMATION THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS.

WE ONLY KNOW THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE OF OUR CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON WE WERE ENTRUSTED WITH SUCH A SECRET.


MORE OF A REASON NOT TO BELIEVE YOU. THERE'S NO WAY THAT THE MARIADEL COMPANY WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TO HEAR OF ANY INFORMATION REGARDING OUR LINE OF BUSINESS.

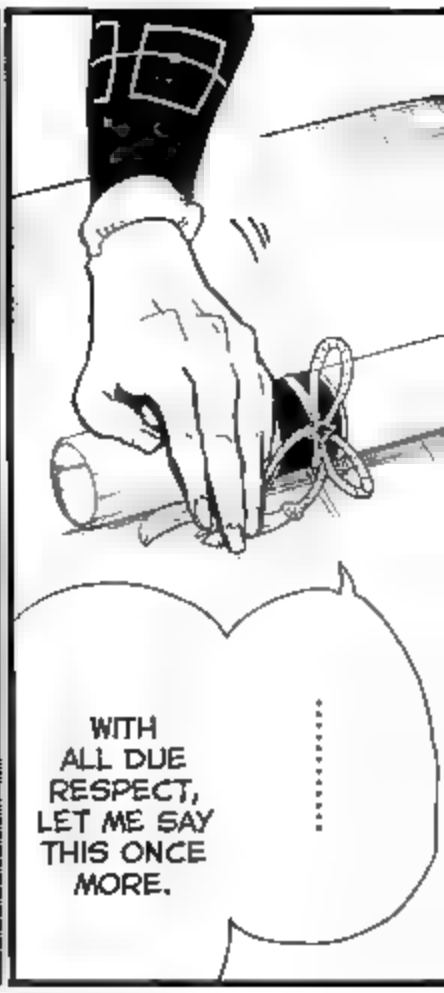
...OF COURSE.

WHERE'S YOUR PROOF?

...WE CAN'T SHOW YOU HERE.

PLEASE WAIT.
AND I WAS THINKING YOU HAD SOME GUTS. WHAT A DISAPPOINT-MENT.
DO YOU EVEN WANT TO MAKE A DEAL?
AT THIS CELEBRATION, WE WILL BE MAKING A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT OUR NEW PROJECT.
IN THREE DAYS, WE'LL BE HOLDING AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE REBIRTH OF SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY.
IT DOES NOT MATTER. THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO ATTEND.
IT'S AN INVITATION.

BUT ALONE, WE DON'T HAVE THE KNOW-HOW TO PULL IT OFF.
IF WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS THE TRUTH, IT'S A CHANCE TO DO BUSINESS ON A SCALE THAT COULD CHANGE THE WORLD MARKET.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP AS A SPECIALIST IN THAT AREA.


WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, LET ME SAY THIS ONCE MORE.
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YOU CAN'T JUST IGNORE A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS.
HOWEVER, THIS IS A CHANCE FOR BOTH OUR COMPANIES TO REAP AN ENORMOUS PROFIT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CAN'T TRUST US.

WITH ALL YOUR WISDOM, LADY MAADER, WHAT WILL YOU DO...?
THE ANSWER IS OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT?
YOU CAN JUDGE OUR AUTHENTICITY WITH YOUR OWN TWO EYES. IT'S A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.
YOU CAN GET YOUR PROOF IF YOU COME TO OUR RENEWAL CELEBRATION.
I'LL BE GOING TO NAPOLIA, SO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUST-MENTS TO MY SCHEDULE.
IN THREE DAYS
KIL...
YES, MA'AM!

I WON'T STICK AROUND FOR LONG.
IF I FIND YOUR PROOF LACKING,
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME, MS. RURUMU.
WE'LL SHOW YOU A CELEBRATION SURE TO GAIN YOUR APPROVAL.
NOT A PROBLEM.
I'M A BUSINESS WOMAN ABOVE ALL ELSE.
IN THREE DAYS.
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT

HEY, EVERYONE. THANKS FOR COMING.

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I'VE USED MY AUTHORITY AS THE HEAD SLAVE TO KEEP ALL OF THE ADULTS OUT OF THIS ROOM FOR NOW...
MAADER WILL NEVER REALLY LOVE YOU.
IN OTHER WORDS,
CHILDREN ...
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO TALK TO ALL OF YOU ABOUT.
WE'RE "SLAVES," AND AS SLAVES, WE CAN'T EVER BE ANYTHING MORE OR LESS THAN THAT.
WE MUST STEP BACK AND RE-EVALUATE OUR POSI-TIONS.

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Celebration Hall

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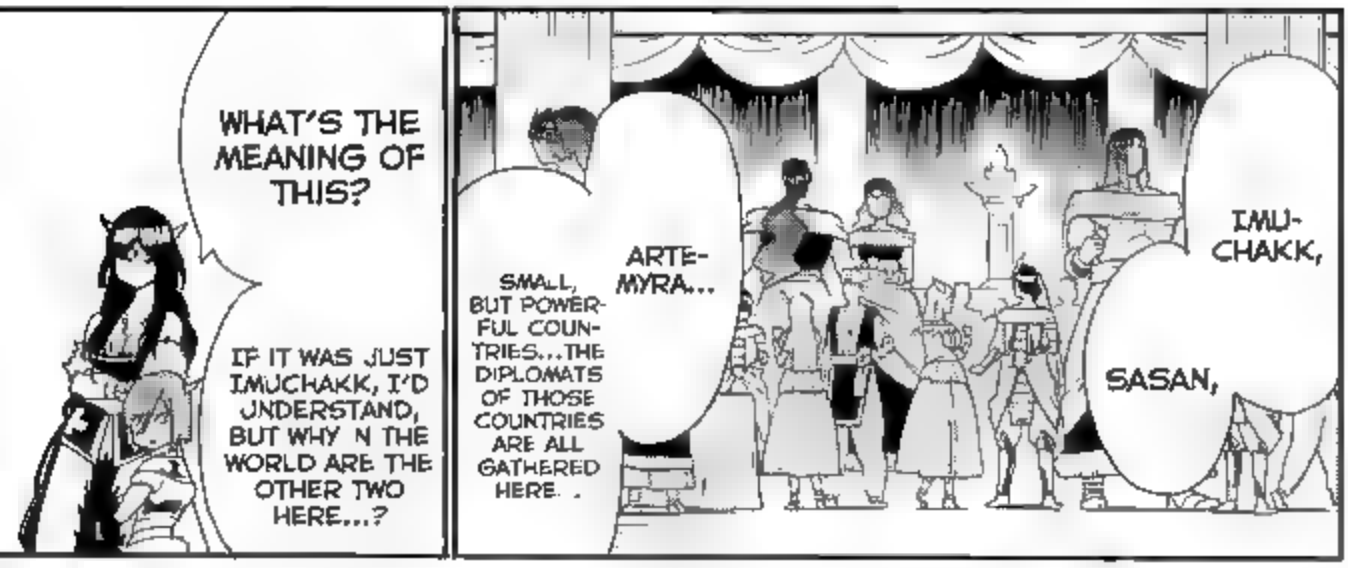
...OH, THEY HAVE SUCH A LARGE VENUE.
I'M A DIPLOMAT FROM ARTEMYRA...
I'M A DIPLOMAT FROM IMUCHAKK, IMSISIKA. PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.


WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
IF IT WAS JUST IMUCHAKK, I'D UNDERSTAND, BUT WHY IN THE WORLD ARE THE OTHER TWO HERE...?
ARTE-MYRA...
SMALL, BUT POWER-FUL COUN-TRIES...THE DIPLOMATS OF THOSE COUNTRIES ARE ALL GATHERED HERE. .
IMU-CHAKK,
SASAN,

WHAT A DISAPPOINT-MENT.
THEY THINK THIS IS PROOF OF THAT TALK WE HAD...?
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LADY MAADER?
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HOW STUPID.
THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY WANTED ME TO SEE.

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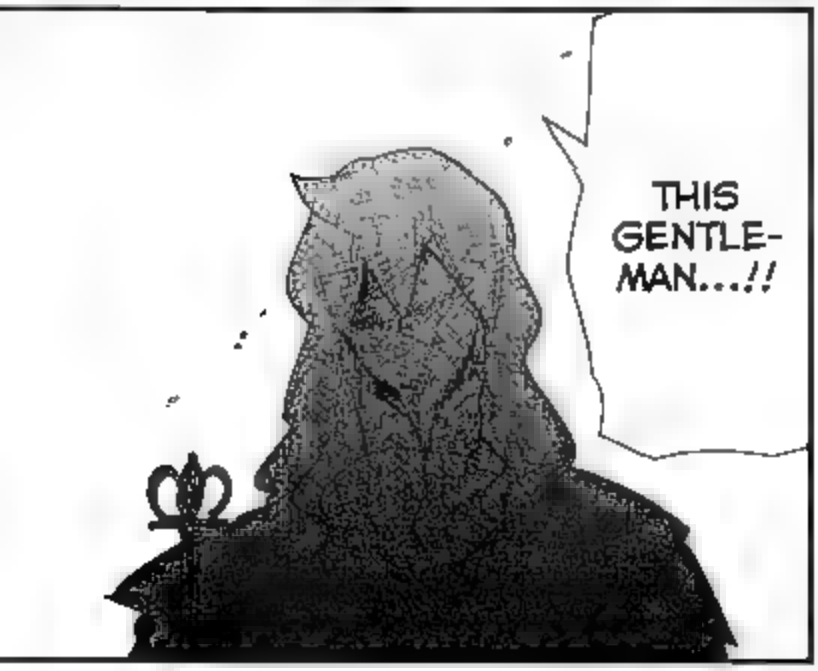
WELCOME TO OUR RENEWAL CELEBRATION!
NOW, THE NEW HEAD OF OUR COMPANY, MS. RURUMU, WILL GIVE YOU HER GREETINGS.

WITH IMUCHAKK AS OUR MAIN TRADING PARTNER.
OUR COMPANY WAS INITIALLY FOUNDED
THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING HERE TODAY.
THEN, THROUGHOUT OUR JOURNEYS, WE WERE BLESSED WITH THE SUPPORT OF SASAN AND ARTEMYRA.

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE...

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEW PROSPECTS... AND WE'LL BE TAKING ON NEW KINDS OF BUSINESS.
HOWEVER,
THE NEW SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY WILL BE EVEN MORE THAN THAT.

SOMEONE WHO HAS HELPED GUIDE OUR COMPANY SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT...
SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY'S GREATEST BENEFACTOR...


THIS GENTLEMAN...!!

KING RASHID?!!
THE KING OF BALBADD,
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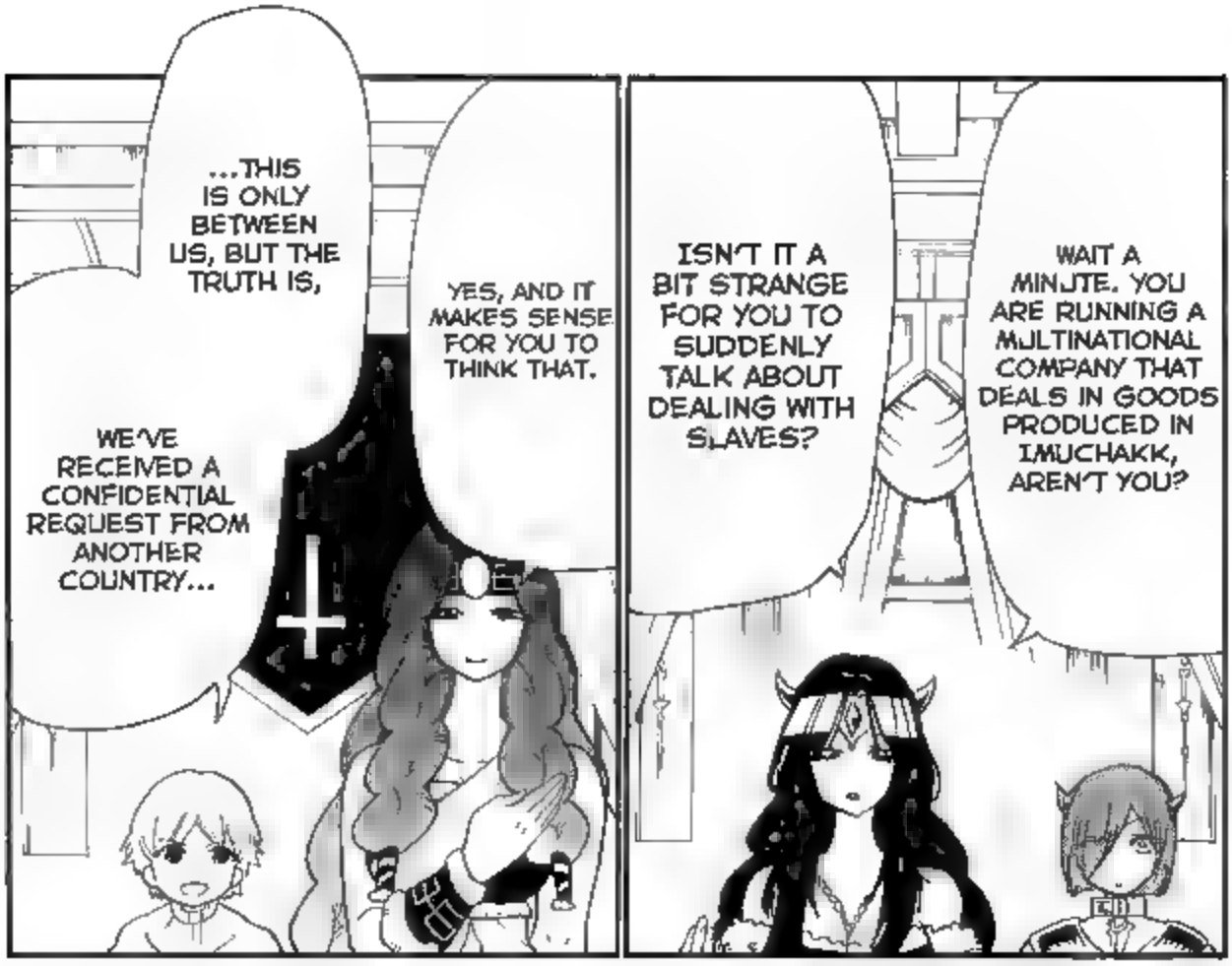
.....JUST WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS.....?

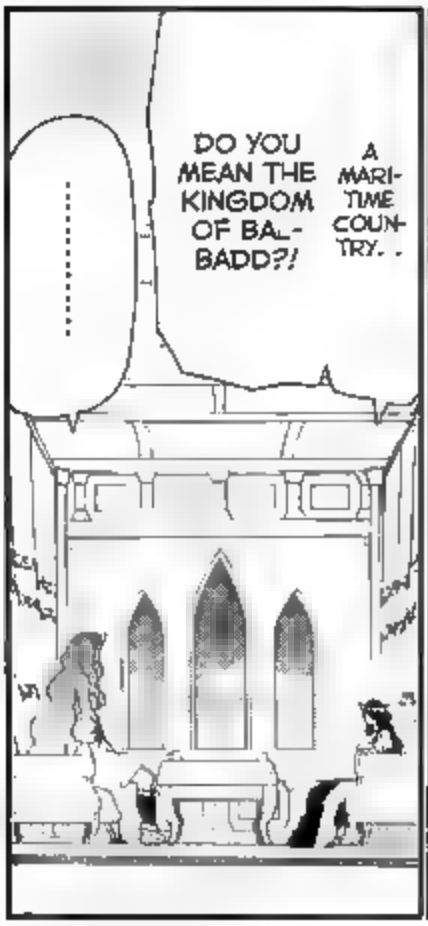
I KNOW THAT MAN...I'VE OFTEN SEEN HIS FIGURE IN THE CONFERENCES HELD IN REIM.
THAT PERSON...IS A GENUINE KING!!
SO WHY IS
A PERSON LIKE THAT HERE?!
JUST LIKE WE HAD ALREADY TOLD ALL OF YOU HERE TODAY...
WE'LL TAKE ON NEW BUSINESSES, DEVELOP NEW BUSINESS CIRCLES...
NOW THAT IT HAS BEEN REBORN, SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY WILL DEVELOP A NEW SYSTEM WITH BALBADD AS THE BASIS.
WE WILL DOMINATE THE SEVEN SEAS,
AND BECOME THE FIRST COMPANY TO DO SO!
IF WE SUCCEED, WE MAY BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE WORLD MARKET WITH OUR OWN HANDS.

TO THE FUTURE OF SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY ...
CHEERS!!

ZZZZZ!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
BALBADD, MOREOVER THE KING OF BALBADD IS PERSONALLY INVOLVED... THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE PROPOSAL THEY MADE TO ME IS...
SO, YOU'RE SAYING THAT SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY IS LOOKING TO ENTER THE SLAVE TRADE?!


...THIS IS ONLY BETWEEN US, BUT THE TRUTH IS,
WE'VE RECEIVED A CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY...
YES, AND IT MAKES SENSE FOR YOU TO THINK THAT.
ISN'T IT A BIT STRANGE FOR YOU TO SUDDENLY TALK ABOUT DEALING WITH SLAVES?
WAIT A MINUTE. YOU ARE RUNNING A MULTINATIONAL COMPANY THAT DEALS IN GOODS PRODUCED IN IMUCHAKK, AREN'T YOU?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DO YOU MEAN THE KINGDOM OF BAL-BADD?!
A MARI-TIME COUN-TRY...

HIS MARITIME COUNTRY IS PLANNING TO INTRODUCE THE CONCEPT OF SLAVERY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
HE'S LOOKING TO GUARANTEE AN IMMEDIATE SUPPLY OF SLAVES.

SO NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES, WE WANT TO ENTER THE SLAVE TRADE, BUT ...
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN MISS OUT ON SUCH A HUGE OPPORTUNITY.
YES.

IT REALLY WOULD CHANGE THE MARKET...
BALBADD IS PLANNING TO START UTILIZING SLAVES...IF THAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED, EVEN IF THEY WERE DEALING WITH ME, IT WOULD BE A HUGE DEAL.

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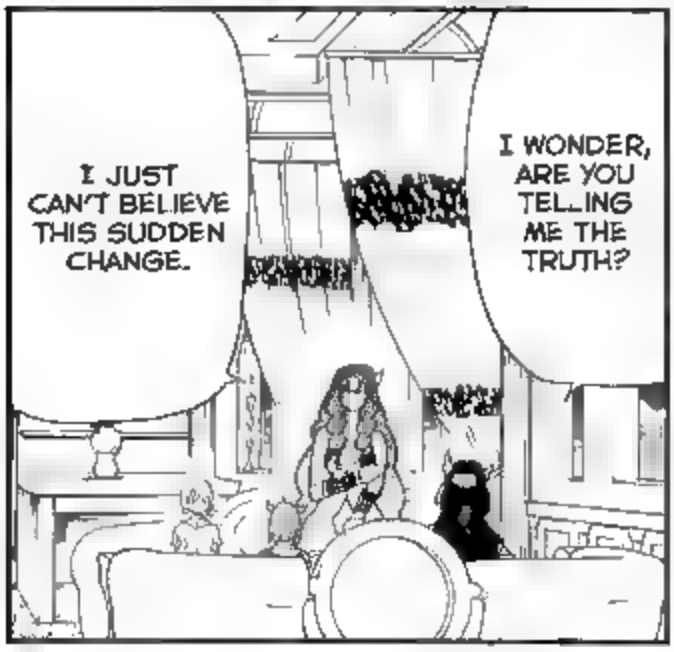
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THIS SUDDEN CHANGE.
I WONDER, ARE YOU TELLING ME THE TRUTH?

ALONE, WE DON'T HAVE THE CONNECTIONS OR THE KNOW-HOW TO DEAL IN SLAVES...
AND THAT'S WHY WE WISH TO TEAM UP WITH THE MARIADEL COMPANY, WHICH IS EXCELLENT AT DEALING IN SLAVES. TOGETHER, WE CAN BE A HUGE SUCCESS.

THIS IS A CONFIDENTIAL REQUEST.
WE ONLY KNOW THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE OF THE FRIENDSHIP WE BUILT UP WITH HIS COUNTRY.
IT IS UNEXPECTED, ISN'T IT? I MEAN, THIS IS SUCH BIG NEWS...ISN'T IT STRANGE THAT NO WORD OF IT HAS REACHED MY COMPANY?
...OF COURSE.
WHERE'S YOUR PROOF?
WE CAN'T SHOW YOU HERE.
...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BELIEVE IT...

THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN BALBADD AND SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY ARE REAL...!
YOUR MAJESTY!
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AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE IN REIM, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTH.NG TO HELP THEM !!
IT WAS DECIDED THAT
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
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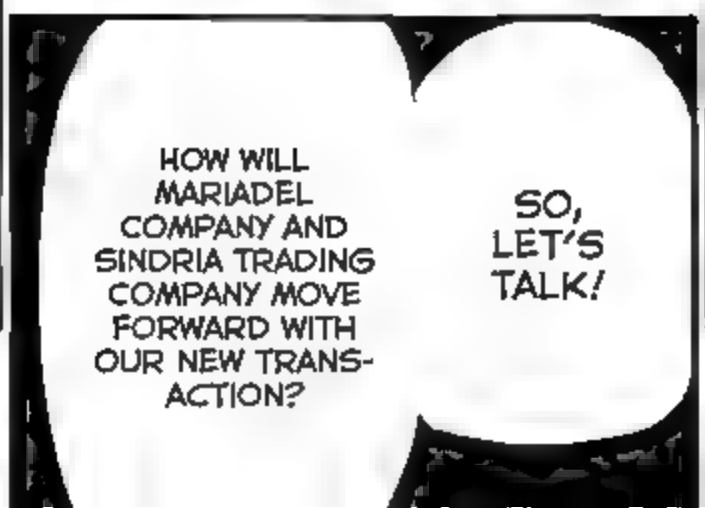
EXACTLY...
I HAVEN'T SAID OR DONE ANYTHING TO HELP THEM.
THAT'S RIGHT...THE ONLY THING I D.D WAS...

HAVE A CUP OF TEA WITH A FRIEND.


HOW WILL MARIADEL COMPANY AND SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR NEW TRANS-ACTION?
SO, LET'S TALK!

WELL, THEN...
THAT WRAPS UP ALL THE DETAILS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MARIADEL COMPANY AND THE NEW SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY.
IS THERE ANYTH NG YOU FEEL UNCERTAIN ABOUT?
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WELL... THERE IS ONE THING.

I CAN'T FULFILL THIS CONTRACT.

IS A DIFFICULT TASK EVEN FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME.

GATHERING A THOUSAND SLAVES IN THE SHORT TIME BEFORE THE DEADLINE...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU SAY THAT, IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING. IF I CAN'T PHYSICALLY SUPPLY THAT MANY, IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE.

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT OUR CLIENT IS A GREAT MARITIME NATION. IF THEY DON'T HAVE AT LEAST THAT MANY SLAVES TO GET THINGS STARTED.

JUST AS WE EXPECTED.

...WELL, HOW ABOUT TRYING THIS?

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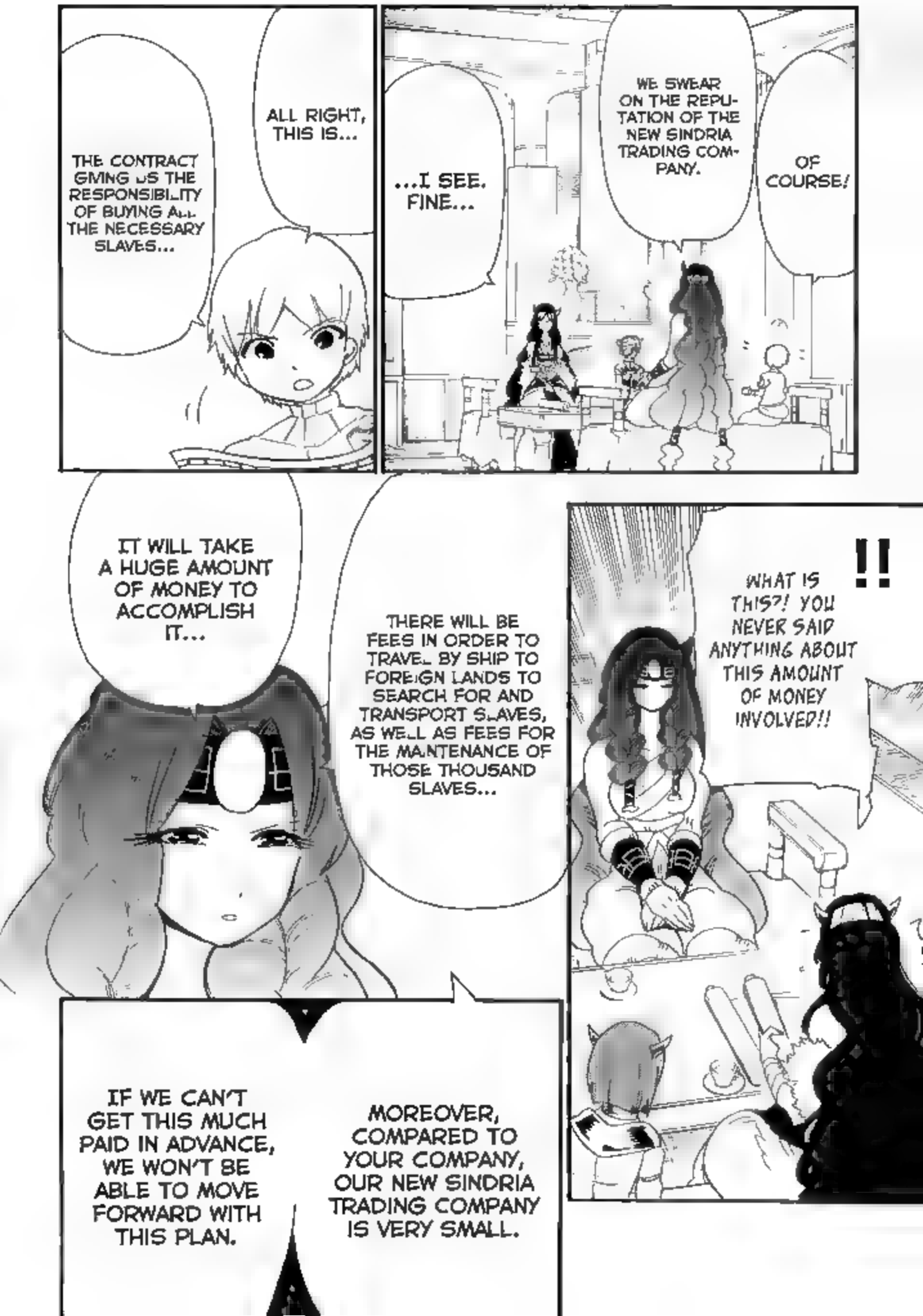
THE ONE THOUSAND SLAVES.
OUR NEW SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY WILL TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GATHERING

THREE COUNTRIES STILL UNTOUCHED BY THE SLAVE TRADE. GATHERING SLAVES SHOULD NOT BE THAT DIFFICULT.
SASAN, AND ARTEMYRA...
WE CUR- NTLY HAVE ACCESS TO IMUCHAKK,
OH? DID YOU FORGET?
YOU WILL? JUST HOW WOULD YOU...

I WONDER IF YOU CAN REALLY HANDLE THIS INDUSTRY.
SLAVES AREN'T THE SAME AS THE GOODS YOU'RE USED TO TRADING.
THAT'S VERY TRUE... BUT...
THEY'RE ALL RACES THAT HAVE NEVER TURNED UP IN THE MARKET BEFORE, SO I THINK THEY OUGHT TO BE WORTH QUITE A LOT, RIGHT?


ALL RIGHT, THIS IS...
THE CONTRACT GIVING US THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BUYING ALL THE NECESSARY SLAVES...
...I SEE. FINE...
WE SWEAR ON THE REPUTATION OF THE NEW SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY.
OF COURSE!
IT WILL TAKE A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO ACCOMPLISH IT...
THERE WILL BE FEES IN ORDER TO TRAVEL BY SHIP TO FOREIGN LANDS TO SEARCH FOR AND TRANSPORT SLAVES, AS WELL AS FEES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THOSE THOUSAND SLAVES...
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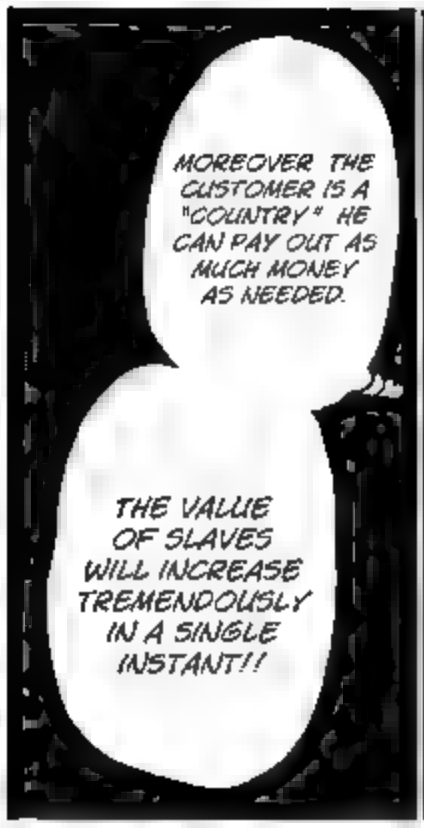
WHAT IS THIS?! YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED!!
IF WE CAN'T GET THIS MUCH PAID IN ADVANCE, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PLAN.
MOREOVER, COMPARED TO YOUR COMPANY, OUR NEW SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY IS VERY SMALL.

LADY MAADER, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
THERE'S NO USE IN DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER. YOU AND YOUR COMPANY ARE STILL TOO NEW FOR THIS...
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE ASKING FOR THIS RIDICULOUS AMOUNT... AND ALL UP FRONT?!
THIS IS MORE THAN EVEN WHAT MY ASSETS CAN HANDLE. THIS IS NO JOKE!
PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE.
YOU'RE WRONG THIS IS !!
THIS IS BAD! WE HAVE COME SO FAR
THAT ANNOUNCEMENT CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN SEVEN DAYS...
ON THE FINAL DAY, THE CONTENTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS HELD THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.
CURRENTLY, THERE IS A MAJOR CONFERENCE GOING ON IN REMANO.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I NEED TO TELL YOU.

AT THAT TIME, THE KING OF THAT COUNTRY WILL BE FORMALLY ANNOUNCING HIS DECISION TO IMPLEMENT SLAVERY.

WHAT KIND OF SITUATION THAT WILL BECOME.
...YOU UNDER-STAND AS WELL AS I DO.


MOREOVER THE CUSTOMER IS A "COUNTRY" HE CAN PAY OUT AS MUCH MONEY AS NEEDED.
THE VALUE OF SLAVES WILL INCREASE TREMENDOUSLY IN A SINGLE INSTANT!!

BALBADD WILL FORMALLY ANNOUNCE ITS DECISION ABOUT SLAVERY...IF THAT HAPPENS...
THEN ALL OF THE SLAVE TRADERS WILL START BUYING UP ALL THE SLAVES AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET.
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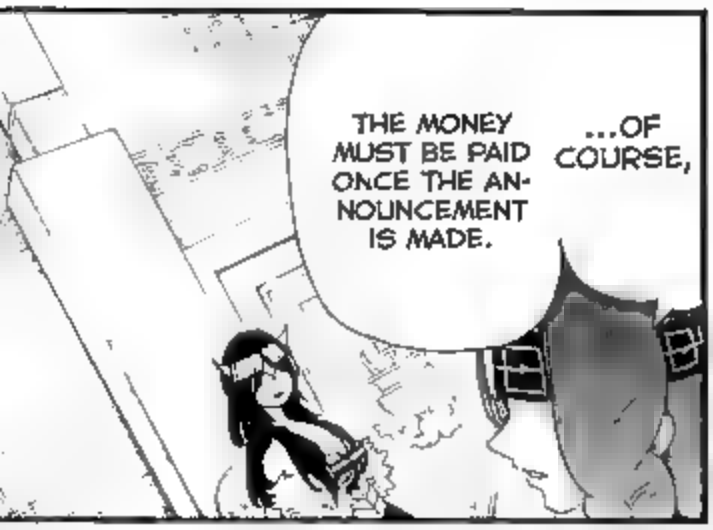
THE MONEY MUST BE PAID ONCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.
...OF COURSE,

BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT, SLAVES CAN BE BOUGHT AT A RELATIVELY CHEAP PRICE.
AND ALL OF THE MONEY SPENT IN ADVANCE WILL BECOME A HUGE ASSET.
ONCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE, THE VALUE OF THOSE SLAVES WILL DRASTICALLY INCREASE,

THIS NEW LEADER RURUMU...

SHE'S EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS. NOT BAD.

I THOUGHT SHE WAS A WOMAN WHO WOULD DO FAIRLY WELL, BUT...
SHE PLANNED AHEAD AND HAD IDEAS TO DEAL WITH EVEN THIS SITUATION...

ALL RIGHT...

I'LL SIGN IT.
GIVE ME THAT CONTRACT.

WE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT.

I THOUGHT .F IT WAS YOU, LADY MAADER,

STRANGE, ISN'T IT...

THIS IS A DEAL I NEVER WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IF I HADN'T SEEN KING RASHID WITH MY OWN EYES.

YES. NONE OF US WERE SURE HOW THINGS WOULD TURN OUT.

I'LL HAVE TO PUT MY HEAD SLAVE TO WORK TO HELP ME...

THINGS ARE GOING TO GET BUSY

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WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S TRUE!
..... SINBAD...
IT'S NOT TRUE THAT LADY MAADER "DOESN'T LOVE US"...
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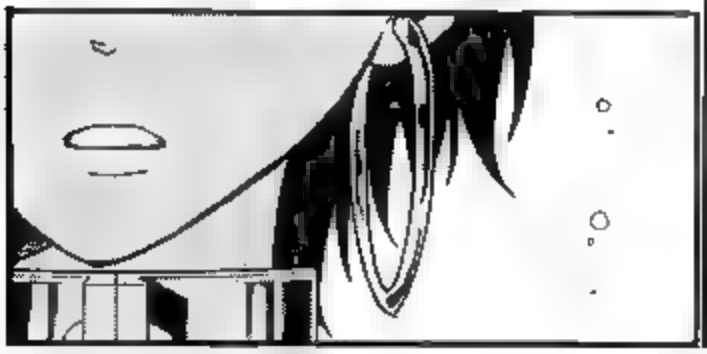
ONE OF MOTHER'S "CHILDREN" ANYMORE?!!
AREN'T YOU



IF YOU CAN SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YOU'RE NOT ONE OF US!!
THAT'S RIGHT!

JUST AS YOU ALL KNOW, HE DEVOTED HIMSELF TO HIS ROLE AS HEAD SLAVE.

FATIMA WAS "SHIPPED OUT" THIS MORNING.
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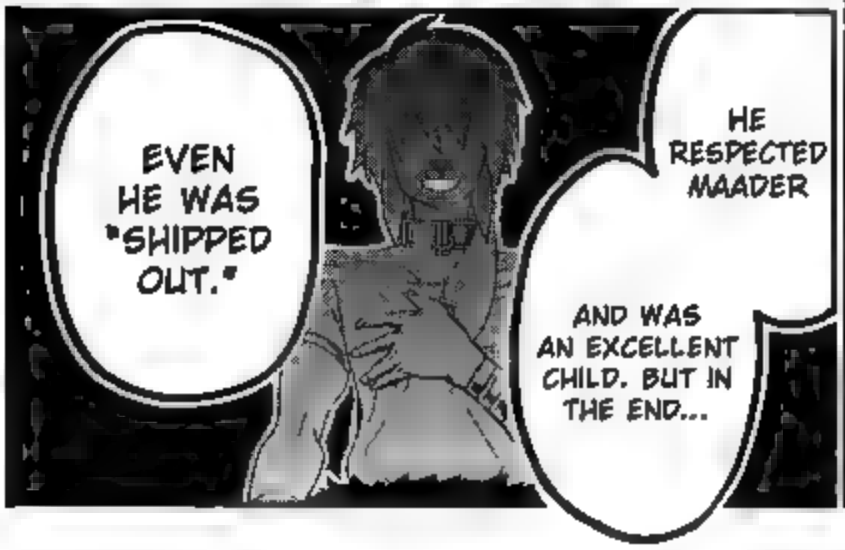
EVEN HE WAS "SHIPPED OUT."
HE RESPECTED MAADER
AND WAS AN EXCELLENT CHILD. BUT IN THE END...

YOU DON'T CALL SOMETHING LIKE THAT A "CHILD."

TH... THAT'S JUST NATURAL.
BECAUSE WE ARE ALL LADY MAADER'S CHILDREN ...

IT'S A "SLAVE."

YOU'LL BE TREATED AS A COMMODITY UNTIL YOU DIE.
BOUGHT AND SOLD.
YOU'RE TAKEN CARE OF AS MER-CHANDISE.
YOU'RE NOT MAADER'S REAL CHILDREN, ARE YOU?

YOU'RE ONLY "SLAVES."
YOU'RE NOTHING LIKE REAL "CHILDREN."

IN YOUR POSITION.
THERE'S NO LOVE FOR SOMEONE
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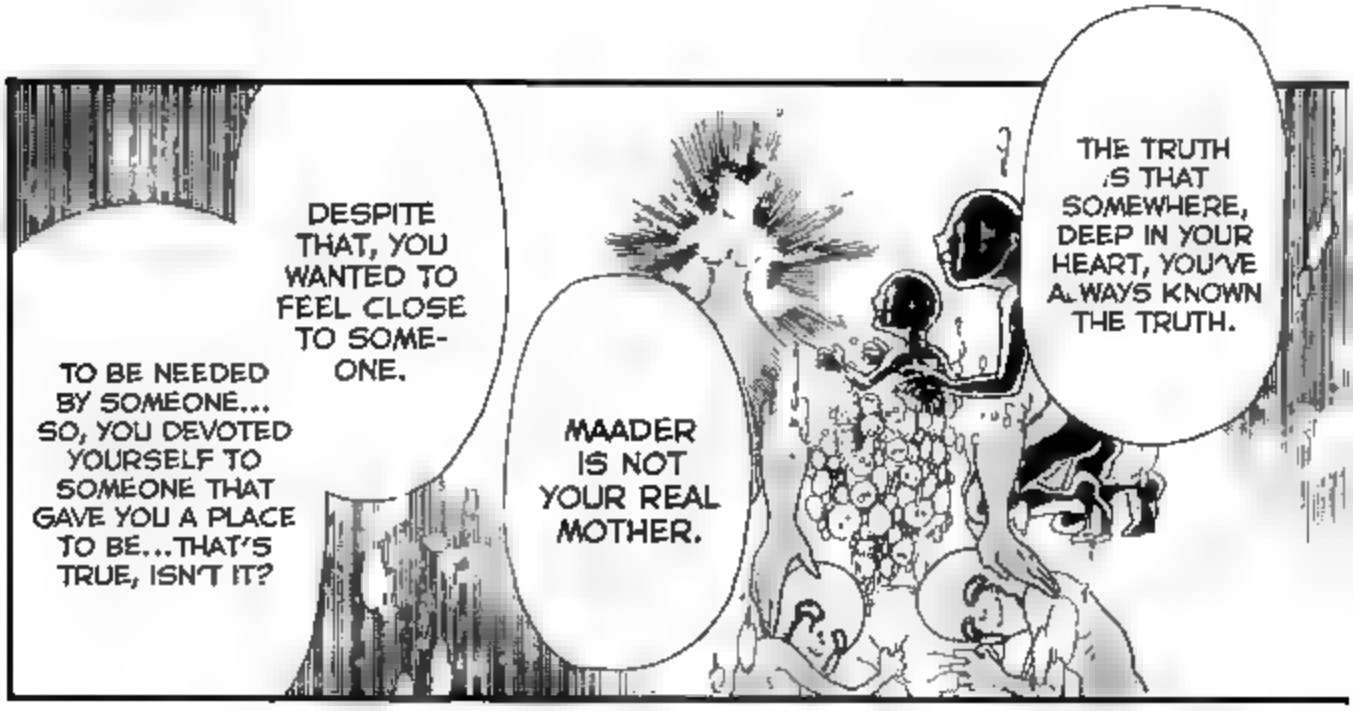
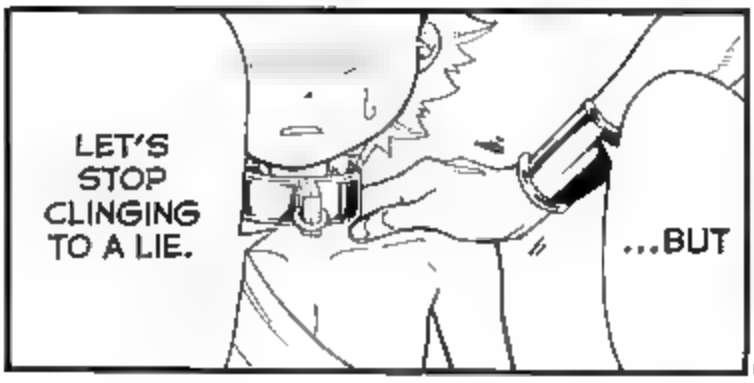
...I UNDER-STAND.
I FELT THE SAME WAY THAT YOU DO NOW.


TO BE NEEDED BY SOMEONE... SO, YOU DEVOTED YOURSELF TO SOMEONE THAT GAVE YOU A PLACE TO BE...THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?
DESPITE THAT, YOU WANTED TO FEEL CLOSE TO SOME-ONE.
MAADER IS NOT YOUR REAL MOTHER.
THE TRUTH IS THAT SOMEWHERE, DEEP IN YOUR HEART, YOU'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THE TRUTH.


LET'S STOP CLINGING TO A LIE.
...BUT

OUTSIDE, THERE WEREN'T ANY CELLS OR CHAINS, RIGHT?
REMEMBER THE WORLD OUTSIDE OF THESE WALLS.

THERE'S A CHANCE FOR YOU TO BE WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU WANT TO BE!
IN THAT WORLD,
IT'S A FREE WORLD WHERE YOU'RE NOT BOUND BY ANYONE...
OUTSIDE, YOU WEREN'T "SLAVES," AND YOU LIVED AS HUMAN BEINGS.

BEING STOLEN FROM YOU BY THAT FALSE MOTHER...!
YOUR FUTURE IS
BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TAKE THAT AWAY FROM YOU.

INHUMANE ACTS TO GO UNPUNISHED!!
WE CAN'T ALLOW HER

THAT'S WHY WE MUST TAKE ACTION NOW.
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AND TAKE BACK OUR FREEDOM...!!
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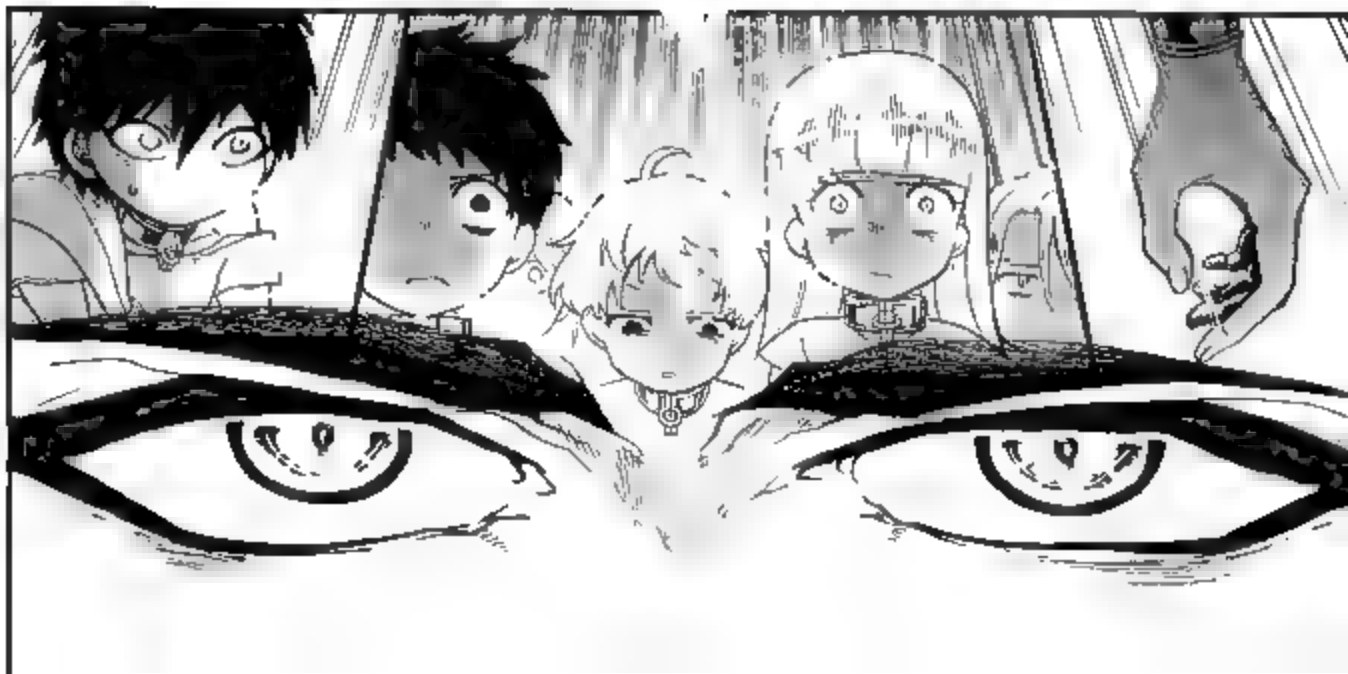
TO FREE OURSELVES FROM SLAVERY...



OUR LEADER HAS RETURNED.

LADY MAADER.

LADY MAADER.

IS SINBAD HERE?

I WANT YOU TO CALL THE OTHERS HERE IMMEDIATELY.

WONDERFUL.

HOW WERE YOUR BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS?

THAT'S QUITE AN ABRUPT CHANGE...

YES. THE CIRCUM-STANCES HAVE CHANGED.

YES, I'M RIGHT HERE.

IT'S GOING TO GET BUSY FROM NOW ON.

IN ADDITION, WE'RE NOT GOING TO SEND OUT ANY OF THE SLAVES WE HAVE CUR-RENTLY. I'M LEAVING YOU IN CHARGE OF ALL OF THEM.

I AM GO-ING TO HAVE YOU COLLECT SLAVES FROM OTHER SLAVE TRADERS.

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WE'LL LEAVE THIS PLACE TO YOU.

...I'LL BE GOING AROUND WITH LADY MAADER TO LEND HER MY SUPPORT.

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THINGS ARE GOING TO GET INTERESTING.

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YEAH... PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME.

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PEOPLE OF REMANO, OUR CONFERENCE HAS COME TO AN END.

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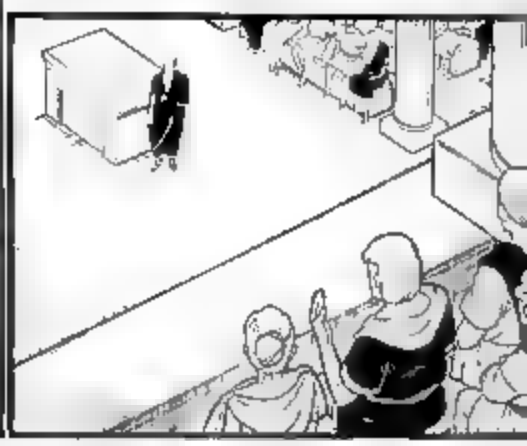


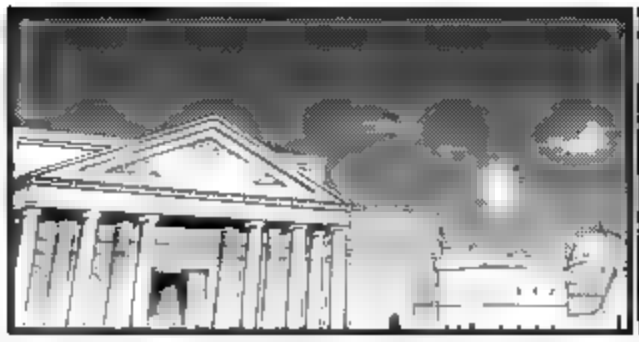
THE MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE TO ALL OF YOU, OUR CONSTITUENTS.
TODAY, WE WILL PRESENT

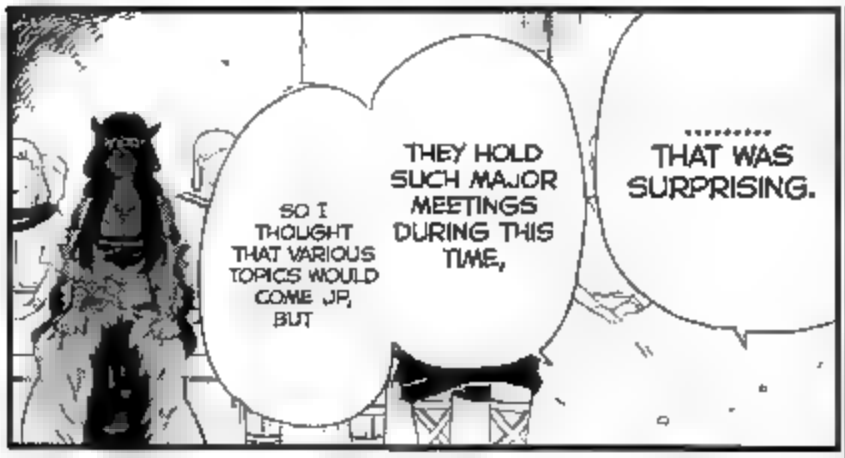
THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS...

DURING THIS MEETING, THEY WILL ANNOUNCE BALBADD'S DECISION TO ADOPT SLAVERY.

DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, I'VE DONE MY BEST TO GATHER AS MUCH OF MY OWN MERCHANDISE AS POSSIBLE.

IF SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY FULFILLS THEIR PART OF THE DEAL WITH ONE THOUSAND MORE... THEY'LL BE WORTH AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY.




SO I THOUGHT THAT VARIOUS TOPICS WOULD COME UP, BUT
THEY HOLD SUCH MAJOR MEETINGS DURING THIS TIME,
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THAT WAS SURPRISING.

THAT WAS THE FINAL ITEM. THIS CONCLUDES ALL OF THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCE-MENTS.
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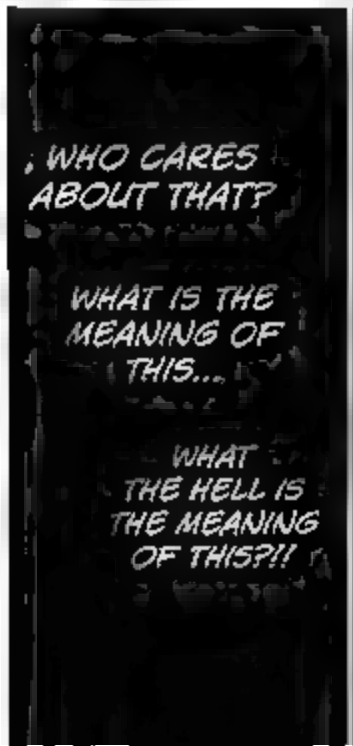
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS...
WHAT THE HELL IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!!

AS FAR AS THE EMERGING NATIONS IN THE EAST ARE CON-CERNED, REIM HAS JUST DECIDED TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS...
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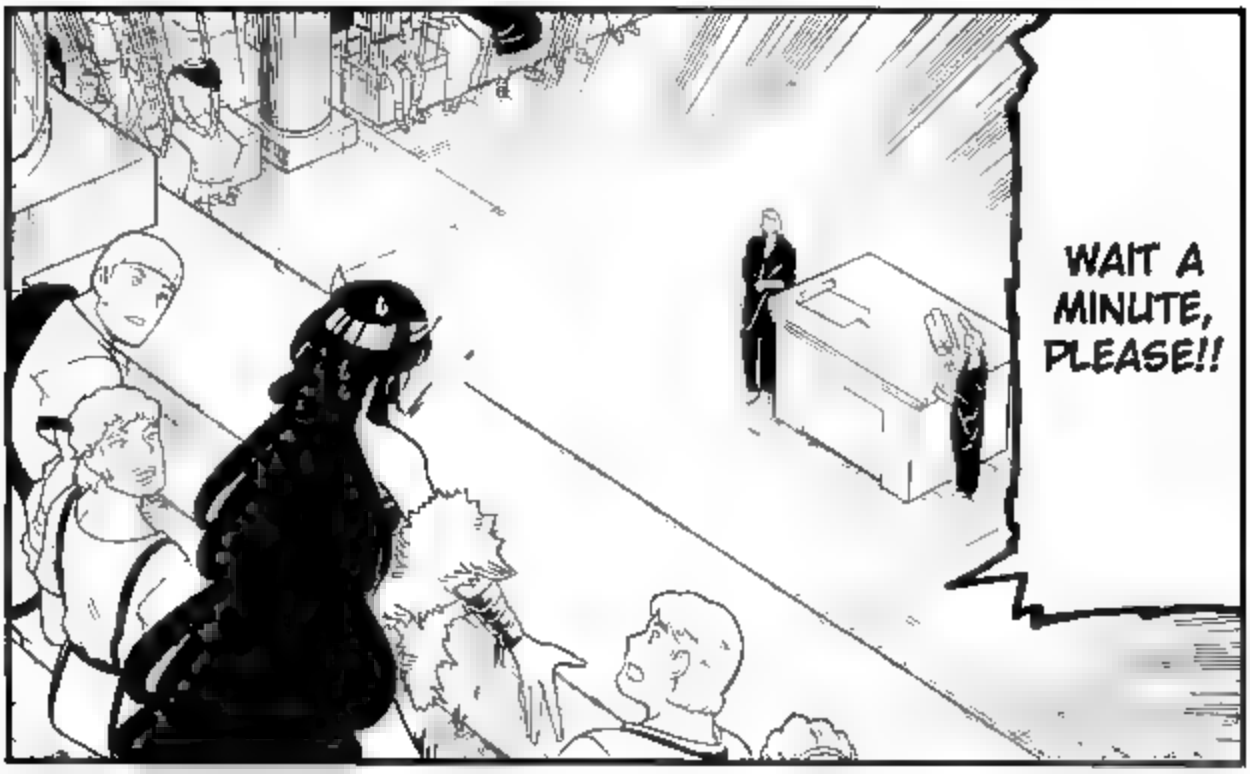
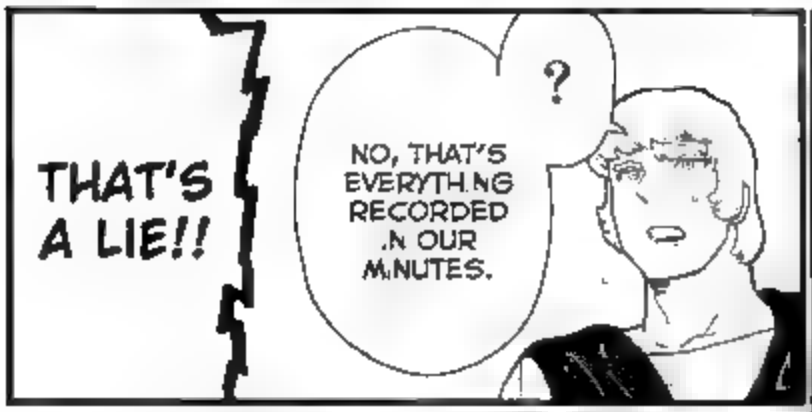

WAIT A MINUTE, PLEASE!!


THAT'S A LIE!!
?
NO, THAT'S EVERYTHING RECORDED IN OUR MINUTES.

BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT WAS DECIDED!!
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!!

DON'T...
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING LEFT TO ANNOUNCE? PARTICULARLY, SOMETHING ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF BALBADD...

WE HAVE NO RECORD OF SUCH INFORMATION.
PLEASE CALM DOWN!
WHY AREN'T YOU ANNOUNCING BALBADD'S DECISION TO ADOPT SLAVERY?!
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IS THAT REALLY TRUE?! KING OF BALBADD?
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MOST OF THE COUNTRY IS MADE UP OF HUNDREDS OF ISLANDS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL.

WHILE THE CAPITAL OF BALBADD IS LOCATED ON THE CONTINENT,

SO WHILE IT WORKS WELL FOR A GREAT EMPIRE LIKE REIM, TO INTRODUCE SOMETHING LIKE SLAVERY IN MY COUNTRY IS SOMETHING WE SIMPLY CANNOT DO...

!?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

IT'S TRUE THAT THERE ARE OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT ADOPTING SLAVERY, BUT...

I HAVE NEVER SPOKEN WITH YOU BEFORE, SO WHY HAS THIS TOPIC EVEN COME UP?

YOU'RE NO ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE.

EXCUSE ME, MA'AM, BUT...

IT CAN'T BE... BUT THAT TIME YOU WERE...

BALBADD NEVER MADE SUCH A DECISION.

HAVE YOU MISUNDERSTOOD SOMETHING?

THE MARIADEL COMPANY SURE STIRS UP TROUBLE...

SLAVES... SLAVES... THAT'S ALL THEY EVER THINK ABOUT.

WE'RE FINISHED!

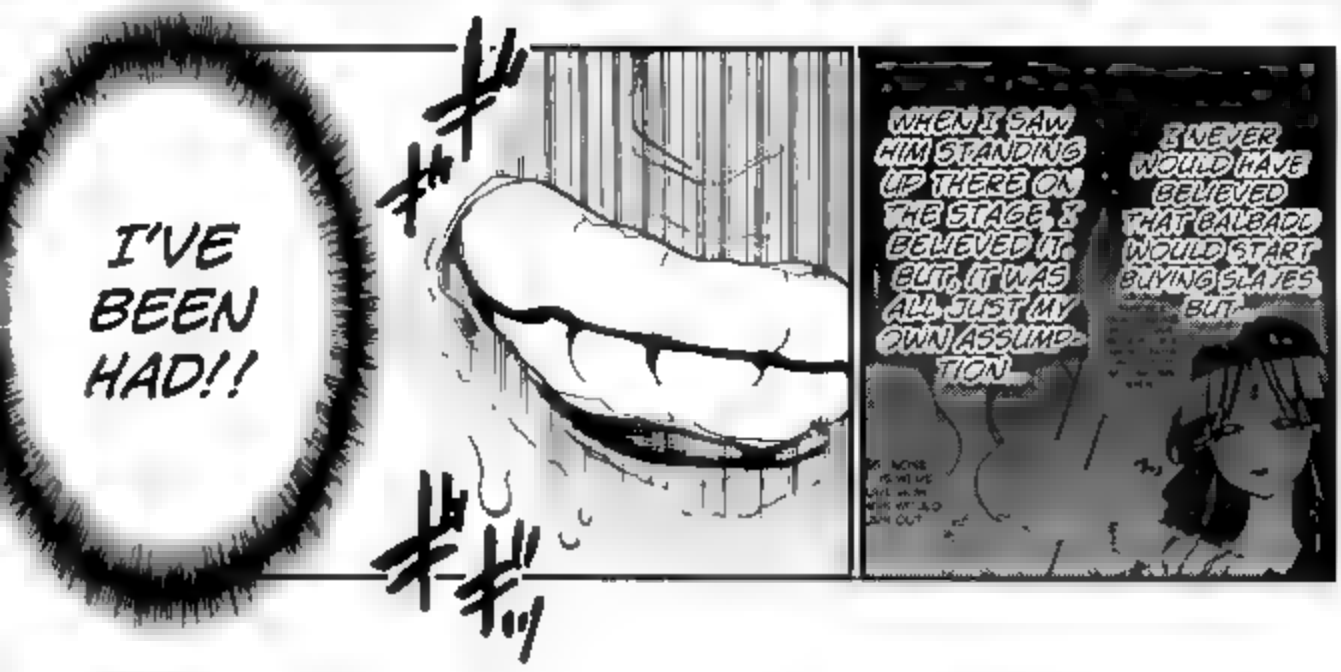
WITH THAT, OUR MEETING HAS CONCLUDED!

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

THAT'S RIGHT.

I NEVER RECEIVED ANY SORT OF PROMISE DIRECTLY FROM KING RASHID...

AT THAT RECEPTION, KING RASHID NEVER ACTUALLY SAID ANYTHING.



YOU TRICKED ME, SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY!!
MY, MY...YOU CAME HERE BY CARRIAGE ALL THE WAY FROM REMANO...IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
EVERY-THING ABOUT BALBADD ADOPTING SLAVERY WAS A LIE, WASN'T IT?!!
EXPLAIN YOUR-SELVES!!

I'VE ALREADY MADE ALL MY PREPARATIONS FOR SHIPPING OUT SLAVES TO BALBADD!! IT WAS ALL FOR NOTHING!!

JUST WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?!

EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT, WE'RE ALSO IN TROUBLE.

OUR OWN PREPARATIONS TO MEET THEIR DEMANDS.

RIGHT, AND WE ALREADY BEGAN...

IT WAS A DECISION MADE BY A WHOLE COUNTRY...SO THERE'S REALLY NOTHING A LITTLE COMPANY LIKE OURS CAN DO...

DAMN...IT WAS SUCH A GOOD BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, TOO... WHAT A SHAME.

WE ONLY JUST HEARD THE NEWS, SO I GUESS NOW, DESPITE ALL OF OUR PLANNING, WE'RE BACK AT SQUARE ONE, AREN'T WE?

THE THOUSAND SLAVES REQUESTED BY THE MARIADEL COMPANY.

THAT WAS OUR CONTRACT.
WHETHER H.S COUNTRY CHOOSES TO ADOPT SLAVERY OR NOT,
ALL THE MONEY FOR OUR PREPARATIONS HAS TO BE PAID TODAY.

ISN'T THAT HOW IT IS, LADY MAADER?
FOR A MERCHANT, A CONTRACT IS EVERYTHING.

FOR ALL ONE THOUSAND SLAVES.
LADY MAADER, PLEASE PAY US
...EVEN IF YOU SAY SO, I HAVE OUR CONTRACT RIGHT HERE.
YOU MUST BE JOKING!!
AND NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME I HAVE TO PAY?!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...? EVERYTHING YOU TOLD ME ABOUT BALBADD ADOPTING SLAVERY WAS A LIE.
...AFTER ALL, YOU DID EXACTLY THE SAME THING BEFORE, DIDN'T YOU?
WHETHER BALBADD ADOPTS SLAVERY OR NOT, YOU MUST PAY WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THIS CONTRACT.

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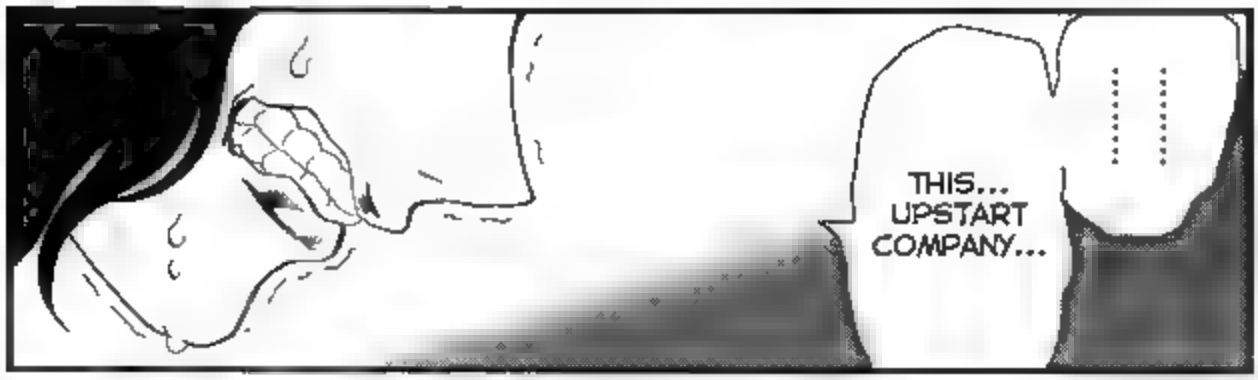
THE INVESTMENT YOU OFFERED TO OUR COMPANY...
WASN'T IT THE SAME?
ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT, THERE'S NO ISSUE.

IF YOU WISH TO NULLIFY THIS, THEN YOU MUST ALSO NULLIFY YOUR PAST ACTIONS.
SO!! WE'LL HAVE YOU PAY WHAT YOU PROMISED.


THIS... UPSTART COMPANY...
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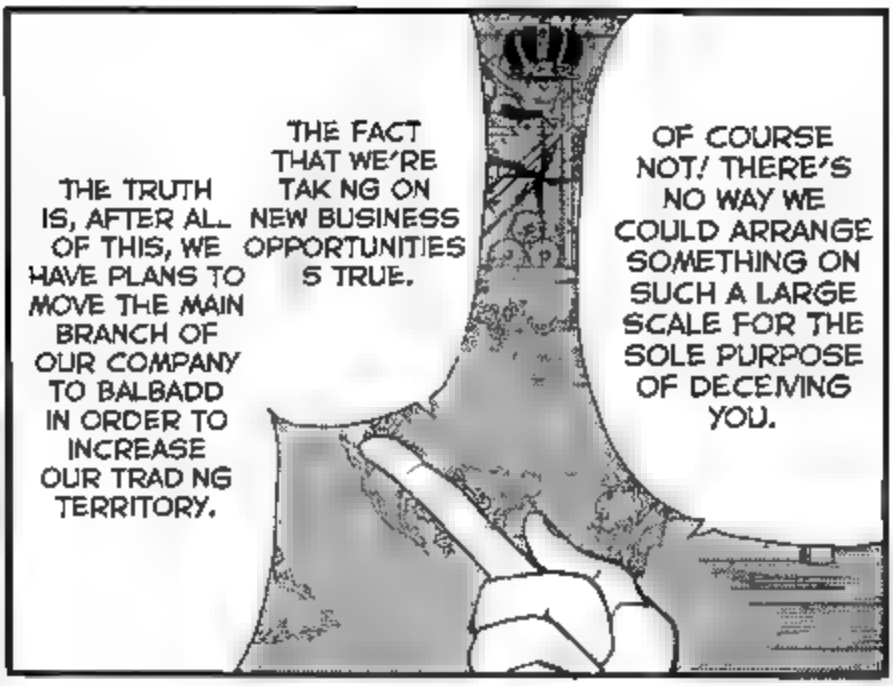
EVERYTHING... EVERYTHING WAS ARRANGED FOR THIS PURPOSE...
KING RASHID,
THE GRAND RECEPTION,
ALL OF IT WAS SET UP TO MAKE ME FALL INTO YOUR TRAP ...!!

TO THAT RE-CEPTION TO CELEBRATE THE NEWS WITH US.
WE INVITED ALL THOSE .NVOLVED WITH OUR COMPANY


THE TRUTH IS, AFTER ALL OF THIS, WE HAVE PLANS TO MOVE THE MAIN BRANCH OF OUR COMPANY TO BALBADD IN ORDER TO INCREASE OUR TRAD NG TERRITORY.
THE FACT THAT WE'RE TAK NG ON NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES 5 TRUE.
OF COURSE NOT! THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD ARRANGE SOMETHING ON SUCH A LARGE SCALE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DECEIVING YOU.

SAID EVEN A SINGLE WORD ABOUT "SLAV-ERY" AT ANY TIME DURING THE RECEP-TION, DID THEY...?
NO ONE
THERE,

I'M SURE YOU MUST HAVE SOMEHOW MISUN-DERSTOOD WHAT WAS GOING ON UNDER THE CIR-CUMSTANCES.

WE ALSO INVITED KING RASHID, BUT AS HE IS A VERY BUSY AND IMPOR-TANT PERSON, HE COULDN'T STAY LONG. HOWEVER...

PLEASE PAY UP RIGHT NOW!!

AS A MERCHANT, THE CONTRACT IS EVERYTHING!!

BUT THAT KIND OF EXCUSE WON'T WORK.

YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN, SO LET ME READ IT OUT TO YOU.

IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY WITH CASH...

IT'S WRITTEN IN THE CONTRACT AS WELL, BUT

YOU LOOK TROUBLED, LADY MAADER.

THE COMPANY FUNDS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO PRACTICALLY NOTHING... DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?!

LADY MAADER, WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

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LADY MAADER!!

I ALREADY KNOW THAT! THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO TELL ME!
SHUT UP!
...LADY MAADER?

UMMM... WE HAVE SOMETHING WE WANTED TO ASK YOU, LADY MAADER...
WELCOME HOME, LADY MAADER.

LADY MAADER!
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WE HAVE TO SELL ALL OF THEM FOR CASH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
BRING ALL OF THE SLAVES HERE.
LADY MAADER, HOW DO YOU REALLY FEEL ABOUT...
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HE WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL...
BE QUIET AND BEHAVE! CAN'T YOU LISTEN TO WHAT YOUR MOTHER TELLS YOU?!
NO! LET GO OF ME!!
LADY MAADER DOESN'T REALLY LOVE US AT ALL. WE'RE JUST OBJECTS TO HER!!

JUST WHAT DO YOU...
AFTER ALL?
Waaaaah!!
YOU... WHY ARE YOU ALL LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT...
!?

YOU MUSTN'T PROVOKE THEM.
COME THIS WAY RIGHT NOW...
LADY MAADER, THIS WAY!!

MY BRAIN-WASHING HAS WORN OFF.
BUT THAT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE NOW... SO WHY?
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IT'S A SLAVE RE-BELLION.
HUH?!

EVER SINCE YOU SOLD OFF FATIMA, THERE HAS BEEN A FACTION OF SLAVES THAT HAVE STARTED TO HARBOR SUSPICIONS.

IT HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE GONE, LADY MA-ADER.

I DID MY BEST TO GET THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, BUT IT WAS DIFFI-CULT WITH YOU GONE, LADY MAADER.

...MORE-OVER, OF ALL THINGS ...
THANKS TO THEM, I'M ON THE EDGE OF BANKRUPT-CY.
...SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY.
...IT'S ALL RIGHT THIS BOY IS STILL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MY BRAIN-WASHING.
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THAT'S RIGHT, THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE STARTING UP A NEW COMPANY AND TRICKED ME.
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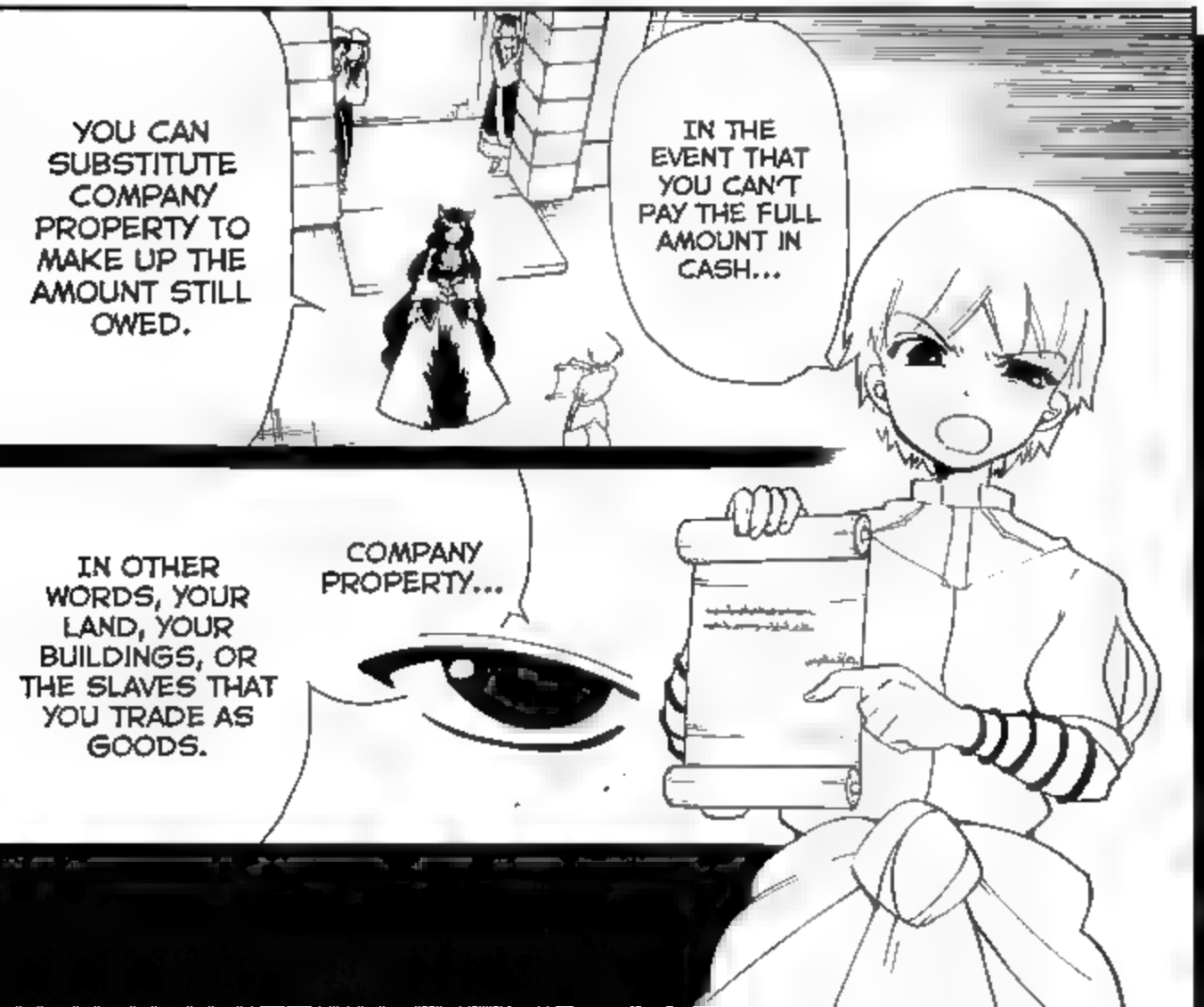
YOU CAN SUBSTITUTE COMPANY PROPERTY TO MAKE UP THE AMOUNT STILL OWED.
IN THE EVENT THAT YOU CAN'T PAY THE FULL AMOUNT IN CASH...
IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR LAND, YOUR BUILDINGS, OR THE SLAVES THAT YOU TRADE AS GOODS.
COMPANY PROPERTY...

.....!!
YOUR COMPANY'S MOST VALUABLE SLAVE, SINBAD?!
SO, IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE CASH, HOW ABOUT SUBSTITUTING
JUST TO GET SINBAD BACK...
THESE PEOPLE... THEY THOUGHT THROUGH ALL OF THIS AND CAME UP WITH THIS PLAN...

I LOST TO THEM IN BUSINESS.

I HAVE TO ACCEPT IT THIS TIME...
I LOST.
USING THE SAME METHODS I USED...

MY FEELINGS FOR YOU WON'T CHANGE...
I'M YOUR "CHILD." SO EVEN IF I HAVE TO LEAVE,
I'LL DEFINITELY RETURN SOMEDAY.
I'M SORRY, SINBAD...
I LOST MY BUSINESS PROPERTY, AND EVEN YOU...
IT'S OKAY.

AH... I CAN'T STAND THAT THEIR SHIP WILL BE HERE TOMORROW!
I'LL DEFINITELY REBUILD MY COMPANY AND BUY YOU BACK!
AH... YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD BOY...!

WE'VE FINALLY MADE IT THIS FAR...
PLEASE WAIT FOR US...
SIN...!!

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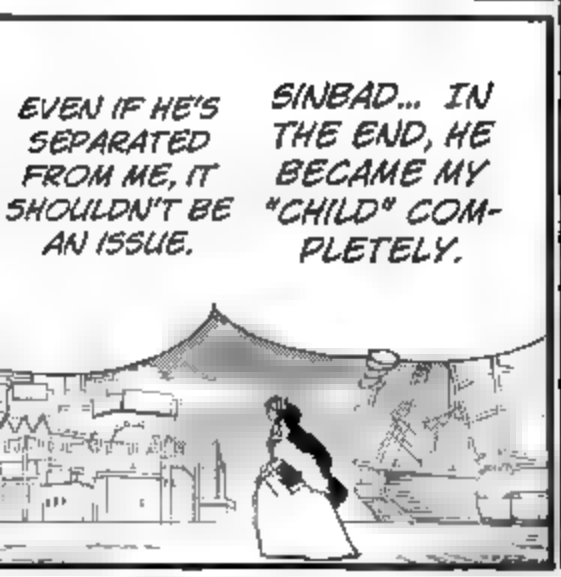
PLEASE HAND OVER THE MARIADEL COMPANY PROPERTY, THE "SLAVES," AS AGREED UPON IN THE CONTRACT.

I'M BACK.
JA'FAR...

SIN.
WELCOME BACK...


EVEN IF HE'S SEPARATED FROM ME, IT SHOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE.
SINBAD... IN THE END, HE BECAME MY "CHILD" COMPLETELY.

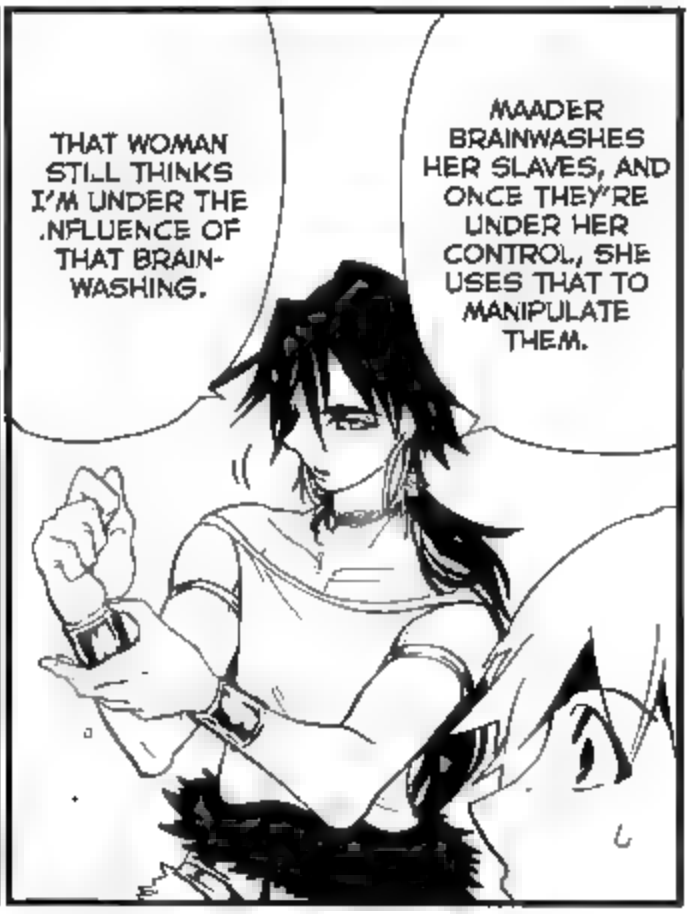
THANKS TO YOU, I'VE GOT A LOT TO DO... SO I'LL BE GOING.
I'LL EXCUSE MYSELF.

I MUST HURRY UP AND SELL OFF ALL THOSE SLAVES INVOLVED IN THE REBELLION AND MAKE SOME CASH.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO DO NOW IS REBUILD MY COMPANY.
COME HERE, MY CUTE LITTLE CHILDREN.
I WANT TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

.....? WHAT WAS UP WITH MAADER... SHE HAD TO GIVE UP SIN, BUT SHE DIDN'T SEEM UPSET AT ALL.
WHY...?
DON'T WORRY, JA'FAR.

UNFORTU-NATELY FOR HER, I'VE ALREADY COME TO MY SENSES.

AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGIN-NING...


THAT WOMAN STILL THINKS I'M UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THAT BRAIN-WASHING.
MAADER BRAINWASHES HER SLAVES, AND ONCE THEY'RE UNDER HER CONTROL, SHE USES THAT TO MANIPULATE THEM.

THE LAST?
SIN... HAVE YOU DONE SOME-THING?
BECAUSE SOON WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THE LAST OF THAT WOMAN...
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I LEFT SOMETHING BEHIND.
A TINY... TINY EMBER THAT WILL ENGULF EVERYTHING IN FLAMES.

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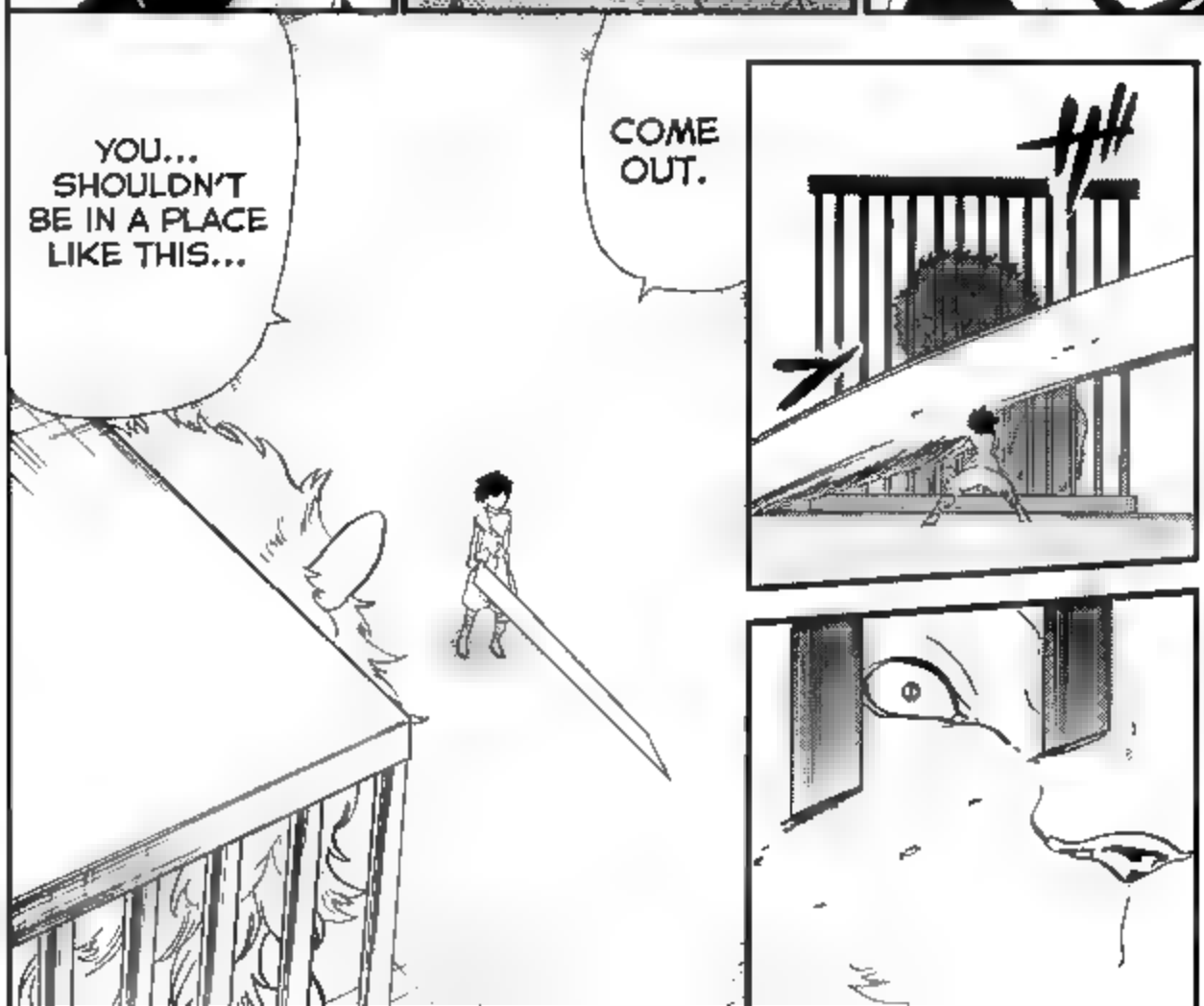
YOU... SHOULDN'T BE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
COME OUT.

DESTROYING THE CAGES OF THE ANIMALS FOR THE ARENA RIGHT BEFORE A MATCH...
WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU LOWLY SLAVE!!
...IF YOU'RE THE SAME
KIND OF BEAST AS ME.
I'M A PROUD FANALIS...
...I'M NOT A SLAVE.

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YOU WILL LET US THROUGH!

BECAUSE I WAS TOLD... TO SHOW MY TRUE POWER.
I WON'T HOLD BACK...
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MASRUR, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU...

I'M THINKING ABOUT FREEING ALL OF THE SLAVES HERE.

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.....DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE?

YOU ARE A "FANALIS."
YOUR RACE ISN'T A RACE OF SLAVES, AND IT'S NOT LIKE YOU BECAME A SLAVE BY CHOICE.
ISN'T YOUR POSITION AS A SLAVE SOMETHING THAT WAS DECIDED BY SOMEONE ELSE?
SO WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH IT?
MOST IMPORTANTLY...
YOU ARE STRONG!!
IN OUR SWORD MATCH, YOU FOLLOWED MAADER'S ORDERS AND WENT EASY ON ME.
HAVE YOU EVER FOUGHT SOMETHING USING YOUR REAL STRENGTH? YOU HAVEN'T, HAVE YOU?!
JUST HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO KEEP HOLDING YOURSELF BACK?

CHOOSE THE WORLD THAT YOU LIVE IN.

AS LONG AS YOU STAY HERE, YOU MAY BE A FANALIS, BUT YOU'RE STILL ONLY A SLAVE.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH PRIDE YOU HAVE, IF YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR CURRENT POSITION AND ONLY MAKE EXCUSES... IT'S THE SAME AS DOING NOTHING!!

YOU AREN'T THE KIND OF PERSON THEY CAN SHUT UP IN A CAGE LIKE THIS.

MASRUR. THAT'S RIGHT, ISN'T IT?

...I CAME TO MY SENSES THANKS TO YOU. BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY...
.....
...WHY DID YOU... WANT TO TELL ME THIS?
YOU'RE SOMEONE THAT CAN MAKE THAT CHOICE...
I CAN TELL THAT
LET'S GO TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD TO-GETHER!!
I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE.

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USE YOUR TRUE STRENGTH TO CONFINE THE GUARDS.
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I NEED YOUR HELP, MASRUR.

AT THE SAME TIME, I'LL AGITATE THE SLAVES INSIDE TO STIR UP THE REBELLION.
YOU'LL BE THE SPARK THAT SETS OFF THE REBELLION!!
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WHAT THE HELL... IS GOING ON HERE?!

LADY MAADER!! THE SLAVES HAVE ARMED THEMSELVES AND THEY'RE REBELLING!!
AND ALL OF THE HIGH CLASS SLAVES HERE IN THE HEADQUARTERS ARE REBELLING SIMULTANEOUSLY!! THEY'RE COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL!!
ALL OF THE SLAVES KEPT AS GLADIATORS IN THE ARENA...

THOSE ARE... WEAPONS FROM THE ARENA. EVEN THOUGH I LEFT THEM IN THE HANDS OF CHILDREN I COULD TRUST...
DAMN IT... THESE BRATS!
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DID THOSE CHILDREN BETRAY ME, TOO?!

THOSE CHILDREN ARE MERCHANDISE!! IF YOU SCAR THEM IN ANY WAY, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SELL.
THIS ISN'T GOOD!!

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MAADER.
HOW DARE YOU TURN US ALL INTO SLAVES...
WE WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
SOMEONE LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE A MOTHER!
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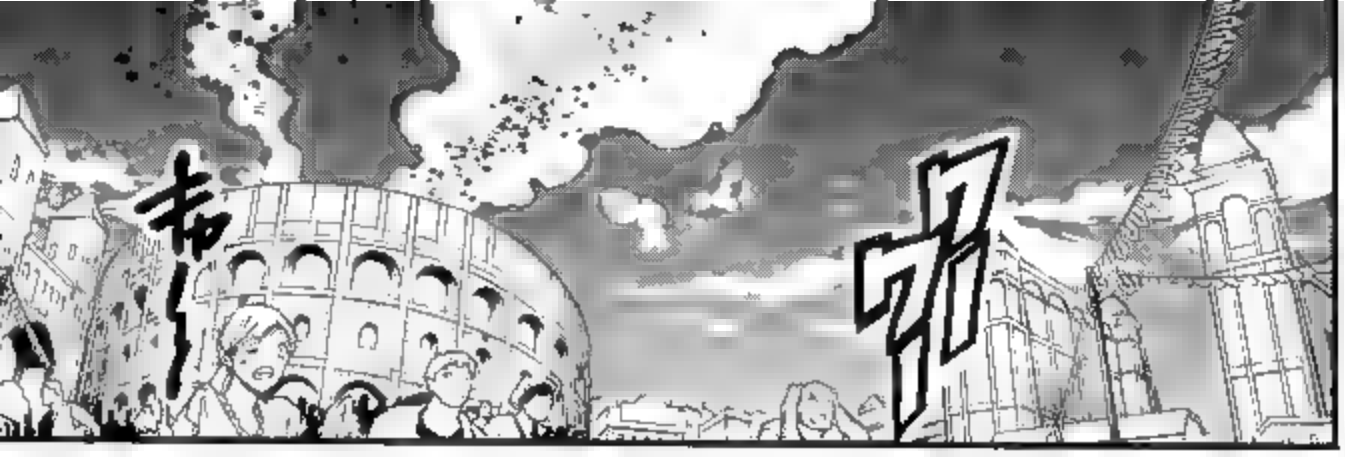
STOP THIS RIGHT NOW, CHILDREN...!! ALL OF YOU NEED TO BE GOOD CHILDREN.
SHUT UP!!

SINBAD
TAUGHT US THAT!!

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE BACK OUR FREEDOM.
BECAUSE A LIFE BOUND BY SOMEONE ELSE IS WRONG!

DID HE SAY... SINBAD ...?!

LADY MAADER, WATCH OUT!!



THE ARENA AND THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE MARIADEL COMPANY ARE...!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPEN-ING OVER THERE?!

IT'S A SLAVE REBEL-LION.

YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW THIS, BUT MAADER HAS COLLECTED SLAVES THAT ARE STILL CHILDREN,
AND UTILIZED THE IDEA OF MOTHERLY LOVE TO BRAINWASH THEM.
IN ORDER TO SNAP THEM OUT OF IT... I HAD TO MAKE THEM REALIZE SOMETHING.

I MADE THEM FACE... THE HARSH REALITY OF THEIR LIFE AS SLAVES.
"DE-SPAIR."

IT WAS PROBABLY THANKS TO THE FACT THAT I WAS A SLAVE, TOO.
THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE ADORED MAADER STARTED TO TRUST ME INSTEAD.
AND I PREPARED ALL OF THE SLAVES, BOTH THE CHILDREN AND THE GLADIATORS... TO START A REBELLION WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL.
IT WAS EASY AFTER THAT. I FILLED THEIR MINDS WITH IDEAS THAT ENCOURAGED THEIR RESENTMENT OF MAADER
THEY DESPAIRED, AND THEN I GAVE THEIR BROKEN HEARTS
A BRIGHT DREAM OF THE FUTURE AND FREEDOM, TO BRING THEM BACK AND GIVE THEM HOPE.
EXACTLY LIKE HOW MAADER HAD BRAINWASHED THEM FOR HER PURPOSES.
YOU BRAINWASHED THEM, MANIPULATED THEM TO BENEFIT YOURSELF, AND USED THEM AS YOUR OWN PAWNS...
...IN OTHER WORDS...

EVEN IF IT'S A REBELLION LED BY CHILDREN, THERE WILL BE A PRICE TO PAY...

THE FATE OF ALL REBELS IS THE DEATH PENALTY.

THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN REIM IS SUPPORTED BY THE INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY, SO A SLAVE REBELLION IS UNFORGIVABLE.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND...

ALL OF IT.

I KNOW THAT.

REIM'S NATIONAL ARMED FORCES WON'T BE ABLE TO INTERFERE.

RIA VENUS ISLAND IS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT... SO THERE WILL BE LIMITED HELP...

THAT MEANS... THE PRIVATE ARMED GUARDS OF THE MARIADEL COMPANY WILL TRY TO SUPPRESS THE REBELLION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE...

I'LL TAKE RE-SPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF IT.

THAT'S WHY I'LL SETTLE THIS MYSELF.

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO TAKE ON THAT RESPONSI-BILITY...?

DAMN IT!! WHAT AN-NOYING BRATS...

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JUST WHY DO THEY THINK I'VE RAISED THEM UP 'TIL NOW? I WON'T FORGIVE THEM FOR FORGETTING THE GRATITUDE THAT THEY OWE ME.

LADY MAADER, THEY'RE GOING TO FIND US. PLEASE HURRY!!

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SINBAD?!

THE LAST SLAVE I COULD USE IS...
KIL!!

IT'S TOO LATE.

YOU TRAI-TOR!!
YOU... HOW DARE YOU SHOW YOURSELF IN FRONT OF ME!!

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WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...?

MANIPULATED?

I JUST FOLLOWED YOUR EXAMPLE AND DID THE SAME THING YOU DID.

I'M NOT BETRAYING YOU... I NO LONGER BELONG TO YOU. HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

SHUT UP!!

I KNOW THAT YOU MANIPULATED MY CHILDREN AND CAUSED THIS REBELLION!!

YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW EFFECTIVE SUCH METHODS ARE BETTER THAN ANYONE...

THEY WON'T LISTEN TO ANYONE BUT ME NOW, WILL THEY?

IT WAS EASY. EVEN WITHOUT MOTHERLY LOVE, IT'S SIMPLE TO CONTROL A HEART DROWNING IN MISERY...

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...SO, LADY MAADER, LET'S MOVE ON TO OUR FINAL NEGOTIATION.

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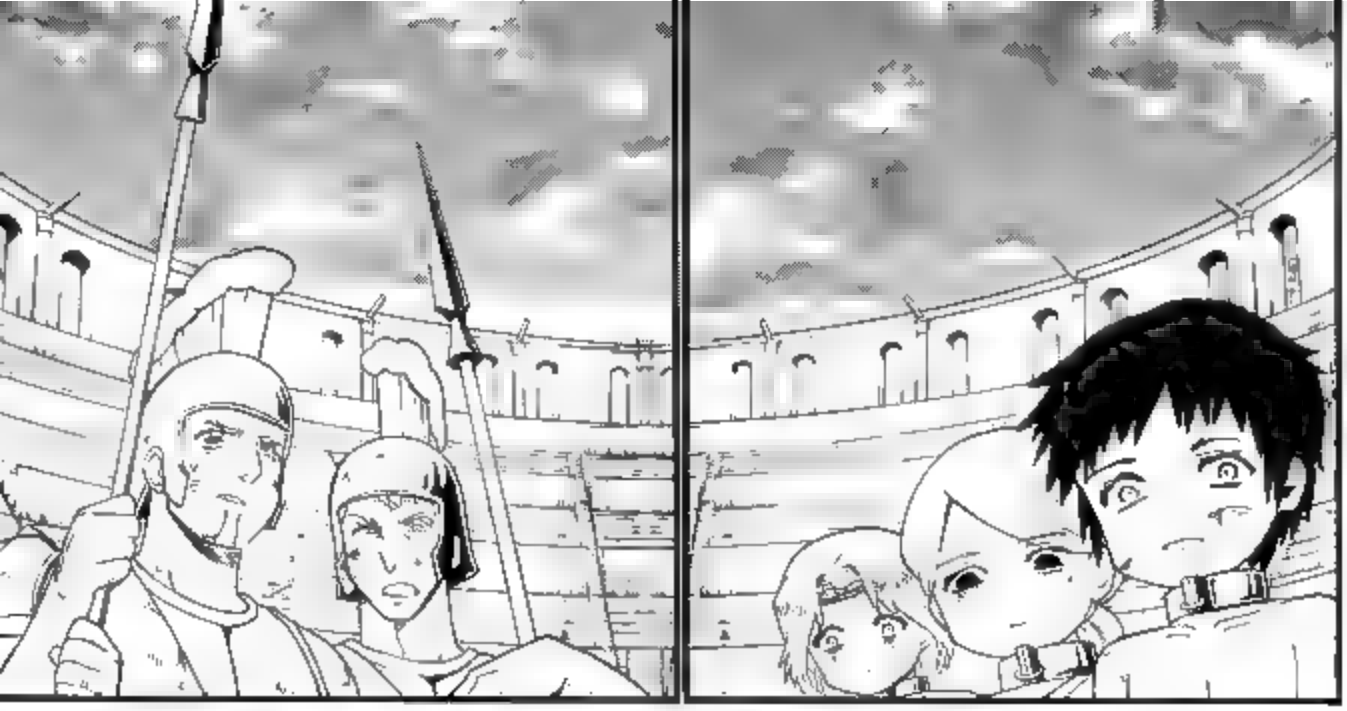
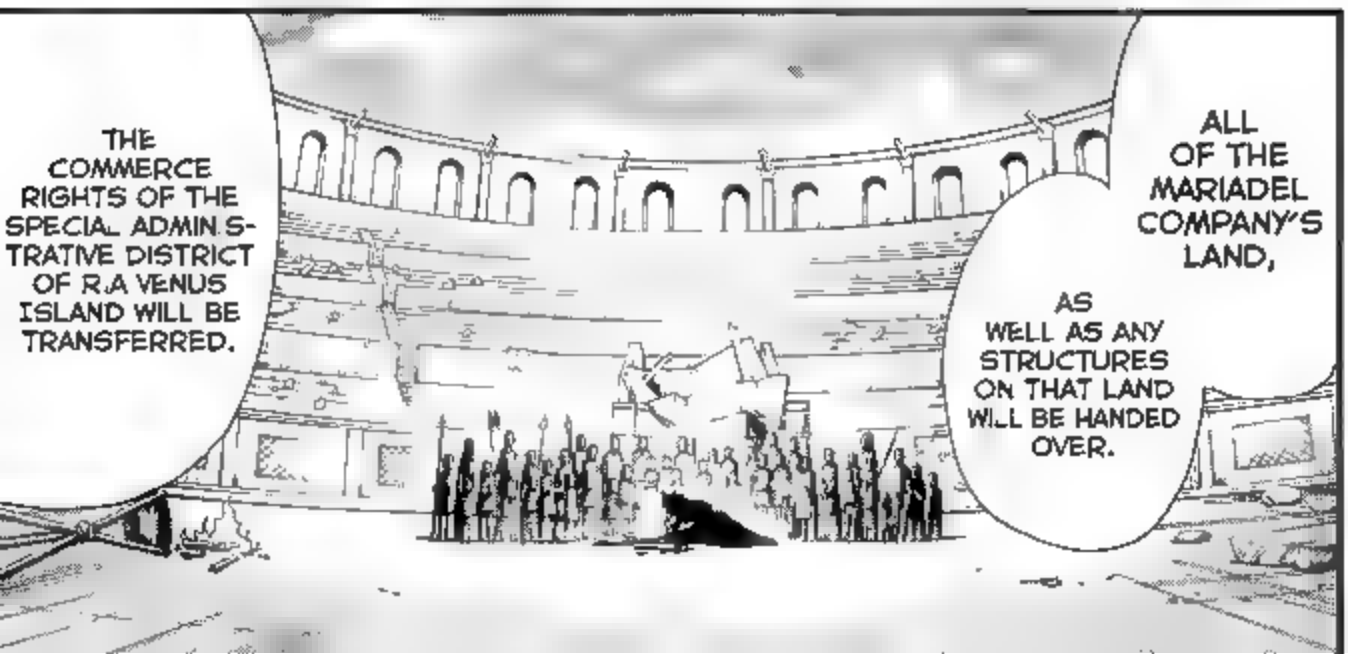
WILL YOU DIE HERE?
OR WILL YOU GIVE UP EVERYTHING AND RUN AWAY WITH ONLY YOUR MISERY?
CHOOSE.

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AS WELL AS ANY STRUCTURES ON THAT LAND WILL BE HANDED OVER.

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ALL OF THE RIGHTS OF THE MARIADEL COMPANY...

SIGN THIS DOCUMENT
TO RELINQUISH THE OWNERSHIP OF ALL YOUR SLAVES.
...AND FINALLY,
NOW EVERYTHING YOU OWNED BELONGS TO ME. AND...
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AS OF TODAY,
ALL SLAVES HERE
ARE FREE!!

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HURRY UP AND LEAVE.

NOW THAT ALL YOUR SLAVES HAVE BEEN FREED,
THERE'S NO ONE LEFT TO PROTECT YOU...

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EVERYTHING... EVERYTHING I WORKED SO HARD TO CREATE HAS BEEN DESTROYED...
ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING WAS EXACTLY THE WAY I WANTED IT TO BE... AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST NATURAL, BUT...
IT WAS ALL
TAKEN AWAY BY THAT MAN.
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW...
THAT... THAT'S...!!
DO I HAVE TO START OVER FROM THE BOTTOM UP?

I'M DIFFERENT. I DON'T NEED SUCH THINGS. I'M SOMEONE WHO WAS MEANT TO STAND ABOVE OTHERS.
WHAT GOOD WAS MY BUSINESS AND ALL MY SLAVES?
IN THE END THEY WEREN'T WORTH SHIT!!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.
THAT'S THE WORLD I WANT TO CREATE.
A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE BOWS DOWN BEFORE ME.

I DON'T NEED A WORLD THAT WON'T ACKNOWLEDGE MY SUPERIORITY. I'LL REMAKE THE WORLD SO THAT I CAN BE TREATED HOW I SHOULD BE!!

I WILL ...!!

THEY'RE DEAD...

WE'RE FINALLY FREE, BUT...
WHY DID IT HAVE TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
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WE KILLED ADULTS...
AND THEY KILLED SO MANY OF US.
SO, SO MANY.
DON'T CRY,
YOU GUYS.
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DON'T CARRY ON TO FULFILL THEIR WISHES, THEN WHO WILL?!!
IF THOSE OF US WHO ARE LEFT
THEY FOUGHT WITH DETERMINATION AND REGRETTABLY LOST THEIR LIVES.
IN ORDER TO GRASP THE FUTURE,
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IS THAT DISDAIN I SEE?
WE HAVE TO LIVE ON FOR THEIR SAKE.

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...FOR WHAT?
FOR ALL THIS... I WAS JUST MANIPULATING ALL THOSE CHILDREN.

I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN IF I CAUSED A REBELLION.
THEY'RE MOSTLY JUST KIDS.
I KNEW THERE WOULD BE VICTIMS... AND THAT I WAS SENDING SOME CHILDREN TO THEIR DEATHS, BUT I STILL ENCOURAGED IT.

HAS USED THE WEAK TO SUIT HIS OWN PURPOSES AND STOLEN ALL THE POWER THAT HE COULD.
A MAN WHO HATES EVERYTHING UNREASONABLE IN THE WORLD AND WANTS TO CREATE HIS OWN COUNTRY IN ORDER TO STOP FUTURE WARS...
TO HAVE USED THE SAME TACTICS AS MAADER AND EVEN PARTHEVIA ...
IT'S IRONIC, ISN'T IT...?

THAT MAKES ME THE WORST KIND OF PERSON.
FOR MY OWN SAKE I'M WILLING TO USE SOMEONE EVEN IF IT COSTS THEM THEIR LIFE.
IN THE END, I'M NO DIFFERENT FROM THEM.

IT ALL SEEMS LAUGHABLE, DOESN'T IT?
THAT SUCH AN UNSIGHTLY, CORRUPT PERSON THINKS THAT HE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.
YOU'RE DISAP-POINTED, AREN'T YOU?

THIS ISN'T A FUCKING JOKE!!
SINBAD !!!
... NO.
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I HAVE NO RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
AS I AM NOW...
"IF YOU DISAPPOINT ME, I'LL KILL YOU" ....
I GUESS IT TURNED OUT LIKE THAT, HUH?
YOU SAID THAT IT MIGHT HAPPEN SOME-DAY...

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